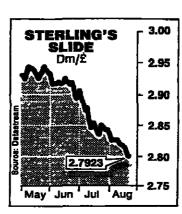
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Banks prepare to prop up sterling

By Robin Oakley IN LONDON AND SEAN MAC CARTHAIGH

THE pound fell to a new low against the German mark yesterday after a French opinion poll showed for the first time a majority against ratification of the Maastricht treaty. While three other French polls showed a slim majority in favour of the treaty on European union, all four polls show an increase in the number of voters who oppose the treaty.

The central banks of the European Community, including the Bank of England and the Bundes-



bank, are this morning poised to defend the pound and other currencies in the European exchange-rate mechanism against the advance of the German mark. The pound dropped half a pfennig when news emerged of the first French poll, falling to DM2 8012, a whisker away from DM2.7780, its absolute ERM floor against the mark. If forced to its lower limit, the Bank of England, backed by the Bundesbank, could use billions of pounds of reserves to support

Norman Lamont, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, will today be faced with only two options to defend the pound; either interest rates must go up or there must be massive intervention in the marsets. The latter is more likely. Shares slumped in the wake of the French survey, losing 50 points at one stage but closing 30 points down on the day. "We are heading for a crisis with the Bundesbank versus the rest," Paul Chertkow, head of global currency research at UBS Phillips & Drew, said.

John Major and Mr Lamont, who met for breakfast yesterday.

are now resigned to a series of upheavals for the pound in the runup to the French referendum on eptember 20. Officials were keen to emphasise, however, that the prime minister and the Chancellor did not review ERM policy nor did they intend to react to market

Senior government sources were also reduced to having to dismiss a wave of rumours in the City of London that the Chancellor had resigned. It was, they said, the fevered and sometimes deliberate fabrication of "sharks" who seek to manipulate the markets. Despite the government's studied calm yesterday, Tory MPs remain jittery about the Chancellor's prospects of

staving off higher interest rates.

Dealers are nervous that if the French should vote against Maastricht, the pattern of European exchange and interest rates would unravel. Britain would have great difficulty in keeping its interest rates as close as they are at present to the much stronger German economy and British loans and mortgages would become more

The first of the four French opinion polls on the Maastricht referendum showed that 51 per cent of respondents oppose the treaty and 49 per cent would vote for the deal. The survey was carried out by BVA for Paris-Match and A2 and FR3. two state-owned television stations. among a sample of 1,004 people. All the respondents, who were interviewed by telephone on Sunday and Monday, were over 18 and on the electoral register.

The last survey carried out by BVA at the end of July showed that voters would ratify the treaty by 56 per cent to 44 per cent. The polling organisation said that support for the treaty had fallen from a peak of 65 per cent in mid-June.

A second poll, to be published this morning by L'Express magazine, shows a 2 per cent majority Continued on page 14, col 8

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20,000 phone hotline to listen to 'royal' tape

By ALAN HAMILTON AND MELINDA WITTSTOCK

MORE than 20,000 people telephoned The Sun yesterday to listen to a recording of an alleged telephone conversation between the Princess of Wales and a man called James. Listening to the entire saga would have put £11 on their telephone bill, and the newspaper said it would give the £50,000 profit from the

hotline to charity. Cyril Reenan, a retired bank manager living in Abingdon, Oxfordshire, was named yesterday as the radio amateur with the scanning device and the large aerial in his tree who stumbled across the conversation, said to have occurred on New Year's eve 1989 between the Princess at Sandringham and an amorous caller on a mobile telephone. Mr Reenan claimed had picked up the conversation by accident while amusing themselves with an

electronic gadget.
Listening to other people's telephone conversations is an offence under the Wireless Telegraphy Act, 1949 and the Interception of Communications Act, 1985, punishable by up to two years in jail and a fine of up to £2,000. But Scotland Yard reaffirmed last night that they had no plans to investigate the offence. Buckingham Palace, although saying nothing officially on the matter, indicated that it had not asked

police to become involved. Scanning devices that can pick up transmissions from mobile telephones can be bought legally for less than £100, although it is against the law to listen in to the public telephone network or any transmission without the

broadcaster's permission. The Press Complaints Commission yesterday reported a surprisingly low level of public opproblum at the intrusion into royal privacy. The commission said it had had no complaints from anyone involved in the alleged telephone tapping, and was therefore unlikely to take action. It had, however, received three written complaints and 17 telephone calls about The Sun's publication of a full transcript of the conversation in which the woman thought to be the princess is addressed as "Squidge" by the caller, whom The Sun promises to

name today. The commission was sur-

to Mr Lewis, the airflow patterns round

a ball in the wind tunnel will be very small and difficult to measure, and

whatever the ball is mounted on may

Some research has already been done

on cricketing aerodynamics, but its con-

clusions are unsatisfactory. Received

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fatsify the results.

prised by the few complaints publication of photographs of the Duchess of York seminaked, while on holiday with her financial adviser. By yes-terday, it had received 51

written complaints.
The BBC, meanwhile, announced plans to broadcast a fictional account of the disintegration of the royal family late next year. The £2 million four-part dramatisation is based on a novel by Michael er House Of Cards about the toppling of a prime minister was shown the week Marga-ret Thatcher was ousted.

Set in 1998, the drama will revolve around a king who has come to the throne late in life, a prime minister who took over in mid-term and won his first election with a reduced majority, and a princess ostracised by the family after being photographed on holiday with another man.

The BBC, which yesterday denied that its timing was in any way deliberate, has hired Andrew Davies, the awardwinning scriptwriter, to adapt Mr Dobbs's book, To Play The King. Filming will begin early next year. In To Continued on page 14, col 1



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Carrington resigns on eve of Yugoslavia conference

By Michael Binyon and Nicholas Wood

ON THE eve of the London and there are strong candiconference on Yugoslavia, Lord Carrington, the former Nato secretary-general who has headed the European Community peace effort for the past year, announced yesterday that he was resigning.

He said in a terse statement that he could no longer devote to the conference "the fulltime effort which will obviously be necessary and will extend over a considerable period". He had however been asked, and had agreed, to continue to be associated with the conference.

Lord Carrington had be come increasingly weary with his fruitless shuttle diploma-

TV reporter wounded

MARTIN Bell, the BBC's war correspondent, was yesterday wounded during a mortar attack in Sarajevo. He immediately underwent surgery in a UN field hospital and two pieces of shrapnel were removed from his stornach and groin. He was then flown to Zagreb for further treatment was was last night in stable

condition.

More than a hundred journalists have been caught in the crossfire in the Yugoslav civil war. Twenty-seven have been

Photograph, page 14

eign secretary, said yesterday that any settlement emerging from the conference and its follow-up in Geneva would be based on the groundwork Lord Carrington and his

Lord Owen, the former Social Democrat leader, was tipped to succeed him. The possibility of his appointment was being discussed last night by EC foreign ministers at a dinner at Lancaster

House hosted by Mr Hurd. Both Downing Street and the Foreign Office refused to eculate on the nomination of the former Labour foreign secretary, who has urged military intervention by Nato to stop the fighting in the Balkans. A successor to Lord Carrington could come from any of the EC member states.

dates from other countries.

Nato failed to agree on a military plan to protect relief convoys in the former Yugoslavia and the alliance said yesterday that it would wait until after the conference to look at the options again. A spokesman said after a fourhour meeting of Nato ambassadors that they had considered various plans.

The government made clear that Serbia would be made an "international pariah" if did not abandon its war of conquest. Downing Street sources underlined John Major's determination to put pressure on the Serbs after a meeting of ministers held shortly after the prime minister's return from holiday.

The government's chief reject Mr Major's demands for a ceasefire and a return to "civilised behaviour". The prime minister fears a walkout and is ready to counter such action by pressing the United States, Russia and the EC to tighten economic sanctions against the Serbs. Mr Major met Andrei Kozyrev, the Russian foreign minister. to press for Moscow's support. The prime minister remains opposed to military

intervention. The United States and Russia agreed yesterday on the need to establish a perma-nent diplomatic mechanism to handle all aspects of the war, including sanctions compliance, refugees and peacemaking efforts. Law-rence Eagleburger, the acting American Secretary of State, and Mr Kozyrev forged a joint position in an hour-long

The conference is the first held jointly between the United Nations and a regional organisation such as the EC. British officials said the gov-ernment had done much to reassure Boutros Boutros Ghali, the secretary-general, on the wish to co-operate with the UN. Dr Boutros Ghali saw it as a precedent for similar future UN co-operation with regional bodies.



Accidental eavesdropper: Cyril Reenan peers at the press from his home yesterday

Hurricane forces thousands to evacuate New Orleans

By David Adams in miami and Our Foreign Staff

HUNDREDS of thousands of people fled their homes in Louisiana yesterday as Hurricane Andrew continued to churn across the Gulf of Mexico to New Orleans. a total of 1.7 million people have been advised to leave the state and Mississippi.
Three hundred thousand of

New Orleans's half million inhabitants have left and another 500,000 have abandoned other lowland areas of Louisiana. New Orleans, which lies eight feet below sea level, is protected by a series of levees built to contain water from the Mississippi and Lake Pontchartrain. It was feared that if Andrew hit the river, water could be forced into the lake and if that burst its banks, the city would be

Traffic was jammed on the Balkan debate and main road north out of the Diary, page 10 city across the Pontchartrain Letters, page 11 Bridge which crosses the the lake. Repairs reduced it to one lane. New Orleans has mounted a "vertical evacuation", moving residents into high-rise buildings. Police said they saw everything from bread lorries loaded with furniture to vehicles filled with

children, pets and mattresses. The hurricane lost almost no power during its 60-mile journey across south Miami and the Everglades. Soon after crossing into the gulf forecasters said Andrew's 20mile-wide eye was moving fast at 18 mph with winds blowing up to 138 mph. A vast clean-up operation

has begun across south Miami where at least 12 people were killed and an estimated 50,000 people left homeless. Police say that the final death toll could reach 20 and sniffer dogs were yesterday looking for bodies in the rubble of Florida City and Homestead. two of the worst affected areas about 20 miles south of Miami. Officials estimate damage at \$15-20 billion and are looking to Washington and the private sector for help. The local First Union bank has offered \$1 billion in loans to victims.

More than half a million people were still without electricity yesterday and authori-ties say it could be days, even weeks, before power is restored. Many areas also lack water and authorities are trying to distribute litre bottles of drinking water. Tempera-tures rose to 90F yesterday making conditions even more difficult

A night-time curfew across the region was in force again last night to prevent looting. Police said they arrested 37 people for theft on Monday night.

Traffic police controlled entry to badly hit areas in Continued on page 14, col 6

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Scientists go in to bowl for England

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Wagar Younis: defies laws of aemdynamics

BY ALAN HAMILTON

SCIENTISTS at the University of Hertfordshire have set up a research project to crack the code of an enemy secret weapon that has inflicted great damage on England. Using computers, wind tunnels, the laws of aerodynamics and a large number of cricket balls, they will attempt to discover exactly how the Pakistani bowlers Waqar Younis and Wasim Akram achieve their devastating

reverse swing.
Final-year students in aerospace engineering at the university, formerly Hat-field Polytechnic, will be set to work on the project when they return for the new term in October. They hope to have an answer by May, in good time for next year's first-class season.

Andrew Lewis, a lecturer more used to teaching the principles of aircraft per-formance and stability, decided to seek a scientific explanation after his depart-

ment had received calls from newspapers wanting to know how Waqar and Wasim achieved such odd trajectories with the ball. "We tried to get the answer from the horse's mouth, saying we were engaged in serious research, but the Pakistani officials gave us the brush-off; there is a bit of an atmosphere at the moment," Mr Lewis said yesterday.

"A normal outswing bowler holds the polished side to the right, and angles the seam towards the slips. The net effect is to make the ball move away from the batsman. Waqar keeps the polished side to the right, but the ball swings in to the batsman," Mr Lewis said. "I cannot find a ready explanation for this; he must angle the seam towards fine leg, like an inswing bowler, but an inswing bowler keeps the polished side to the left. One ought to cancel the other out, but it doesn't."

Research will not be easy. According

more than an old because of its more pronounced seam, a law entirely ig-nored by Waqar, who barely swings the new ball at all. Cricket balls, according to Mr Lewis,

are fickle things, and how they behave is only partially understood. There is, for example, no explanation of why they swing more under cloudy skies than in the sun. Mr Lewis will be happy to make his findings known to the England team next year, but has a suspicion that they will not do them much good.

IRA blamed for firebomb attacks on show castle

By Craig Seton

THE IRA was thought yesterday to have been responsible for three firebomb attacks that damaged property worth up to £250,000 at a military museum at Shrewsbury Castle, Shropshire, and small fires in two shops in the town.

The centre of Shrewsbury was sealed off early yesterday when about 50 fire officers were called to deal with a blaze at the castle, which houses a collection of the King's Shropshire Light Infantry, the Shropshire Yeomanry and the Shropshire Horse Artillery. It was thought later that two devices, one explosive and one incendiary, may have gone

off on two floors. Another was believed to have been activated by a sprinkler device at the Staks soft furnishings store in the town's Charles Darwin shoppine centre. Minor charring was later discovered at Wades, a furniture shop in the same complex.

No warning was given and

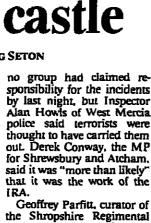
Gas prices to be cut again

By George Sivell

BRITISH Gas is to cut prices to domestic and small business customers by 2 per cent from October. The reduction is on top of the 3 per cent cut that came into effect at the beginning of last month.

The combined savings should cut the bill for a typical three-bedroom semi-detached house by about £27 a year and reduce British Gas income by about £300 million a year. Cedric Brown, the chief executive, said prices were being cut because Brit-ish Gas had based rates on forecasts that inflation would be running at 3.9 per cent by the year's end. It is now expected to be nearer 3 per cent. The cut came as British Gas declared an effective divind increase for the first half of 1992 but a dip into the red for the second quarter. From April to June, British Gas lost £17 million before tax against a £247 million profit in the same quarter last year. For the half year, profits dipped from £1,307 million to £915 million before tax.

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Geoffrey Parfitt, curator of the Shropshire Regimental Museum at the castle, said the fire and possible explosion there were a disaster. He estimated the cost of repairs at £250,000 and said many relics were irreplaceable.

Exhibits of the King's Shropshire Light Infantry and Shropshire Yeomanny had been worst affected. Showcases and windows had been shattered and there was extensive smoke damage. David Thursfield, an assistant chief constable of West Mercia, said he had been in touch with Commander George Churchill-Coleman, head of New Scotland Yard's anti-terrorist squad. Experts were examining the three scenes to try to piece together evidence of what had

He said it was reasonable to assume the devices at the three sites had been planted by the same person or group and added: "No warnings were given and to date no organisation has claimed responsibility.

Police searched for other devices in the town throughout the morning and appealed for witnesses. Three years ago a series of bombs destroyed an accommodation block at Tern Hill barracks. near Shrewsbury, shortly after it was evacuated by members of the Parachute Regiment. The IRA later claimed responsibility.

BRITAIN'S tour operators

could hardly contain their de-

light when, on July 21, the

dollar was being traded at

1.918 to the pound. On that day exchange rates are effect-

ively frozen throughout the

travel industry to enable next

year's brochure prices to be

fixed. At 1.918 the dollar was

not only 12 per cent cheaper

than on the same day last

year, but virtually guaranteed

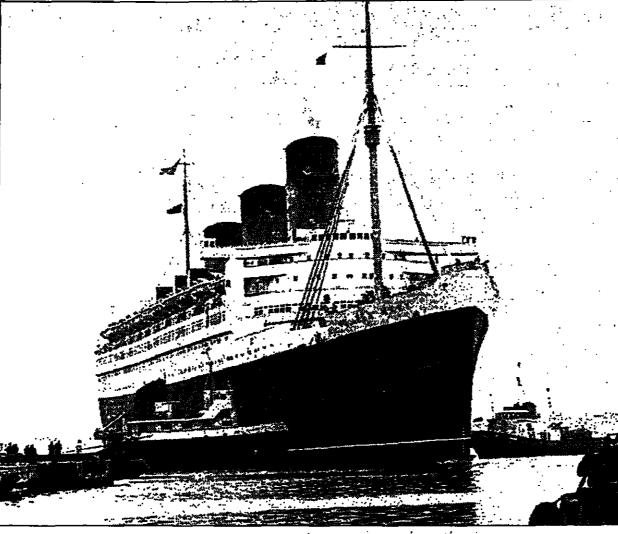
that 1993 holidays in Florida

and other American destina-

tions could be offered for sale

at well below this year's bro-

chure prices, with a good



Days of glory: tugs bringing the Queen Mary to her berth at Southampton in 1965

Queen Mary's home port hopes again

BY MICHAEL HORSNELLAND BEN MACINTYRE ...

A GOLD sovereign was of-fered yesterday to save the Queen Mary from the rocks and bring her home to South-ampton from where she sailed on her maiden transatlantic voyage to New York in 1936. But fetching home the rusting 81,237 ton liner, which won the Blue Riband in 1938 for the fastest Atlantic agreeing will cost an extra tic crossing, will cost an extra £15 million including a refit, towing fees and dockside infrastructure

Southampton. The three-funnelled liner, launched in a golden era when even third-class passengers had a choice of five hors doeuvres for dinner, is languishing as a loss-making

Dollar lifts travel trade

Harvey Elliott

reports on how the

sliding dollar in

July prougnt

benefits to the UK

travel industry

profit into the bargain.

costing date", tour operators

had bought forward almost

El billion worth of dollars

with which to buy aviation

fuel, hotel rooms and car hire

in the USA throughout next

summer. Because banks nat-

Within days of the "agreed

tourist attraction at Long Beach awaiting the scrap-merchants now that the Walt Disney Corporation has can-

celled its lease on her from the Californian city. The British shipping com-pany Sea Containers made the offer through its wholly-owned subsidiary RMS Queen Mary Project with the backing of the city of South-ampton, enclosing a prerequired £50,000 deposit which may or may not be refunded if its bid is

The cost of bringing her back would have to be met by grants from heritage bodies, the public and possibly the government. Sea Containers

urally charge a commission and never sell long-term mon-

ey at the "spot" price, they

could not quite achieve the

Many, however, were able to sign agreements to buy dollars at the rate of 1.85 to

the pound. That exchange

rate is now fixed through to

next summer, enabling cuts

of up to 10 per cent to be made on holidays in the Uni-

ted States next year com-

pared with this year's full

American tourist officials,

who have seen the number of

British visitors of all kinds go up from 861,000 in 1985 to 2.45 million in 1991, predict

that there will be another 7

per cent increase by the end of this year and a further 6 per This year, the number of

charter aircraft crossing the Atlantic increased dramati-cally and official brochure

prices came tumbling down for last-minute buyers as tour

operators and airlines battled to sell them at any price. A Virgin fly-drive holiday to

Boston, for example, which appeared in the brochure at £359 per person was still being sold ten days ago for £249 and some self-catering packages could be nicked un

packages could be picked up for less than £100 at the

height of the discount war in

Thomson, the market lead-

er, hopes that that will not be

repeated and is adding only

5,000 additional places on its Florida programme next

year. Prices are on average 8

per cent less than they were

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1.918 figure.

brochure price.

would manage the ship as an hotel and include a transatlantic liners' museum.

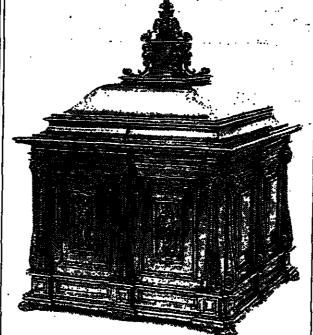
Steve Harris, spokesman for Sea Containers, said: The one sovereign offer is a token amount. The real cost will be in bringing her home. But it will be a marvellous occasion when she finally sails up Southampton Water for the first time in nearly 30

David Abraham, deputy leader of the Conservative group on Southampton city council, said: "We are saying to Long Beach 'Make the ship a gift to us so we can bring her home' and we are looking at ways of funding the project in order to get her

Walt Disney has already spent £15 million on repairs and has decided to pull out of its lease at the end of this year after losing more than \$1 million a month. The city of Long Beach says a final decision on the fate of the

ship will not be made until next month. Several groups, including Japanese business concerns made offers for the 1,018 ft

and a Mississippi gambling tycoon, are believed to have liner, whose engines and boilers have been removed, but the city fathers of Long Beach have said they will not necessarily sell to the highest



Stolen: the missing casket bears the Medici arms

£200,000 casket stolen from V&A

By Sarah Jane Checkland SALEROOM CORRESPONDENT

A SEVENTEENTH century Florentine casket worth £200,000 was stolen from the Victoria and Albert museum in Kensington during open-ing hours on Sunday. Circumstances were so similar to those surrounding a theft last November that the V&A has warned other museums that a gang could be operating.

Jim Close, the museum's assistant director, declined to describe how the casket was taken but said: "The pattern suggested that it was the

A patrolling warder noticed at 4.40 pm that the 10ins high casket had disappeared from its case. In the previous incident, also in a gallery close to the museum's Exhibi-tion Road entrance, a £100,000 baroque altarpiece was torn apart when thieves were disturbed, but following publicity it was recovered.

The missing casket bears the Medici arms. Grand Ducal crown and Florentine lily on the domed lid, as well as panels containing the figures of Mars and Minerva.

Jackson leaves with a glow

BY NICHOLAS WATT

Mohammed Ahmed, 16.

from Brixton, south London,

chose to talk about racism

because he said that a friend

was murdered in a racially

motivated anack. "When I

told Michael Jackson what

had happened he was

touched and said he was sor-

ry. He cared. I never thought

someone as rich as him would

At the end of the meeting

take that kind of interest."

MICHAEL Jackson left Britain yesterday after a host of children spoke glowingly of how he set aside three hours to listen to their feelings on the world's problems.

The 84 children from all over Europe spelled out their views at a meeting at Regent's College, London, on subjects that included racism, the environment, famine, and Aids.

A girl of 12 was allowed the rare privilege of photographing the singer. But Jemma Tomlin, from Bromley. Kent, learnt an early lesson about dealing with a superstar: not a photo could be released without Jackson's approval and just before leav-

ing yesterday he allowed only two shots to be published. Jackson made a speech. Lotta Ljungquist, 16, from Gothen-burg, Sweden, said: "He had The youngsters met to help Jackson draw up a charter for his newly launched Heal the a sore throat but still managed to say that he loved us World Foundation, for which all. He said that as long as he lives he will always help out the singer has set aside mil-lions of dollars.

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and +111 respectively.

In a table in a report on house repossessions (August 24) the percentage change in orders made for West Yorkshire should have been -1, and the percentage change in suspensions for Devon and Leicestershire should have been +!

NEWS IN BRIEF

£46,000 stolen from hospital patient

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A cancer patient has had £46,000 stolen from his private bank accounts while in the care of Guy's Hospital Trust in London. The trust has told Remo Gaida, 79, that it will reimburse him if he fails to recover his money through the reimburse him if he fails to recover his money through the courts. Mr Gaida discovered that his savings had been taken while he was a resident of Becket House mursing home in New Cross, southeast London, part of the Guy's trust. He has been a resident there for five years. Police enquiries suggest that the money was taken by forged correspondence with Mr Gaida's bank. An employee at the nursing home, suspended after the theft was discovered and wanted for questioning by police, is believed to be abroad. Police have interviewed another person, not employed by the hospital, about the missing money. A trust spokeswoman said that the trust had no legal responsibility for Mr Gaida's losses but felt it had a moral responsibility for Mr Gaida's losses but felt it had a moral responsibility to him "and wishes to ensure he doesn't suffer financial loss through this theft while he was in our care".

Women's clinic saved

A clinic in west London that has helped thousands of women to overcome problems associated with the menopause has been saved from imminent closure. The clinic, at the Queen Charlotte's and Chelsea Hospital, was under threat of closure after the drug company that provided funding decided to pull out. The clinic, which has treated between 30,000 and 40,000 women over the past 12 years, will now be funded by the Hammersmith and Queen Charlotte's Special Health Authority. Keith Edmunds, consultant obstetrician and gynaecologist, said that the clinic was set up before the benefits of hormone replacement therapy were widely known. Advances in treatment for menopausal problems had increased the number of women seeking help for distressing symptoms.

Garden swallowed up

A family was in shock yesterday after part of their garden disappeared down an old mineshaft in Cornwall. A crater, 100ft deep and 15ft long, opened up in seconds at the back of the Wakem family's home in Guanislake. They learnt about the collapse when their paperboy ran into the house shouting that the garden had disappeared. Now the Wakems, who have three children, aged seven, six and three, are waiting to hear whether any more of their garden is likely to disappear. Their detached home is 60 yards from where a 75ft deep crater swallowed up a whole garden two where a 75ft-deep crater swallowed up a whole garden two months ago. Alyson Wakem, 34, who built the house with her husband 11 years ago, said: "We knew the whole area was riddled with mineshafts but we assumed they were safe as there were no restrictions on where we built our house."

Ford to power Jaguars

Ford is to build the next generation of engines that will power Jaguar cars, it was announced yesterday. Jaguar has ruled out building engines for cars due on the market at the end of the century at its own Radford works in Coventry and has opted for the £100 million investment in Ford's engine works at Bridgend, South Wales. Radford has been making engines for Coventry Jaguars for 40 years, with the V6 and V12 engines achieving worldwide fame for their smoothness and power. The new four-litre V8 AJ26 will go into production in 1996 and will be the first big project Ford has undertaken for Jaguar since buying the company for £1.6 billion in 1989. As many as 50,000 engines a year will be made, putting in doubt engine production at Radford although it may continue to make V12 engines.

Firemen hit at EC rule

Chief fire officers have warned the government that European Community fire regulations threaten to increase delays in issuing fire certificates and safety inspections. The regulations propose to extend fire safety precautions to authority, rather than the local authority, becomes the enforcement agency. Fire chiefs say that enforcing the regulations could cost an additional £13 million and that. without extra resources, the fire service will face increasingly difficulty in meeting its statutory obligations.
Two reports yesterday criticised the Isle of Wight and Surrey fire services for failing to meet targets for safety inspections and for their growing backlog in handling applications for fire certificates.

Tinsley leads draughts

Dr Marion Tinsley has taken the lead in the world draughts championship against his computerised challenger, winning the twenty-fifth of their 40 scheduled games with the Edinburgh Cross opening (Ray Keene writes). Chinook, the Canadian computer program, capitulated after 26 moves of the game, at London's Park Lane hotel. Draughts and computer experts say that Dr Tinsley, 65, of Florida, who has held the world draughts title for 38 years, now appears to be mastering the machine, which can calculate three million moves a minute. The score is three wins for Dr Tinsley, two to Chinook and 21 draws. By draughts standards, this is a bloodthirsty encounter. In 1928, the match in New York between Samuel Gonotsky and Michael Lieber ended with 40 draws and no wins.

Police hunt rapist

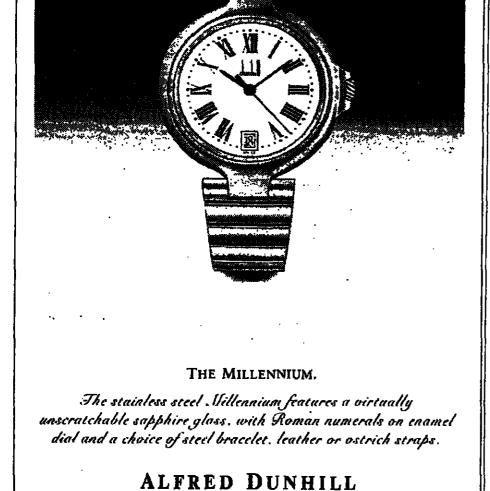
ist's impression, right, of a man believed to have car-ried out two rapes, two attempted rapes and a serious sexual assault on women in south London. He is white, aged 19-30, between 5ft 7in and 5ft 9in, with a pale complexion and brown, lank hair. He often wears a black leather jacket, white T-shirt and baggy blue jeans. In one attack a mother was raped in front of her two-year-old



Prison staff to meet

The Prison Officers' Association is to meet on September 2 The Prison Officers' Association is to meet on September 2 to decide the union's policy towards government plans to privatise Strangeways jail in Manchester. Four hundred delegates will attend the one-day conference at TUC headquarters in London to discuss whether the union should back plans by the prison service management to compete with the private sector in tendering to run the jail. The association's national executive has twice postponed taking a decision on a policy that has divided the union. Several senior members of the executive recognise the danger the union faces if it fails to back an in-house bid, but others are resisting the move strongly. If the union stands others are resisting the move strongly. If the union stands aside at Strangeways, it risks the loss of hundreds of jobs should the contract be awarded to a private company.

Orkney report pledge
The report and recommendations of the judicial enquiry into the seizure of children on Orkney by social workers last year will be published after the parliamentary recess, the Scottish Office said yesterday. Lord Fraser of Carmylie, the Scottish minister of state, has written to Jim Wallace, Liberal Democrat MP for Orkney and Shetland, emphasising that there was no question of the report not being made public. Mr Wallace had expressed fears earlier this month that the report would not be published. this month that the report would not be published.



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By Sara McConnell

ABOUT 1,300 holders of with-profits insurance bonds from Equity & Law and London and Manchester Assurance will be receiving letters from the companies in the next few weeks asking them if they fully understood the risks of the policy they bought. In some cases, people could get their money back.

This follows a six-month investigation by the Life Assur-ance and Unit Trust Regula-tory Organisation (Lautro) into the marketing of such bonds. This week it emerged that 11 other companies have also been asked to withdraw one or more items from their range of marketing material.

The regulator was concerned that companies and their agents were misleading people into thinking that the bonds worked like building society accounts. In fact the bonds are insurance policies and if investors try to cash them early they will not get back all the money they put in. In the small prior of the marketing brochure, com-panies also reserve the right to apply what they call a "market value adjuster" that allows them to reduce the payout if the stock market is not per-

About £1 billion has so far been invested in such bonds. Part of the reason for their popularity is because salesmen earn a high commission for selling the policies. They would not get any commission for recommending that someone keep their money in the building society.

John Cummings, deputy managing director of London and Manchester Assurance, said that the company would be writing to 1,000 investors in two to three weeks' time. He said: "Lautro wanted moreinformation on the market that in certain circumstances we would apply the adjuster. It also asked for clarification on



comparing the policy with building society accounts." Customers could conset the company if they wanted more information. Mr Cummings said. The bonds had been sold by the company's own tied agents and salesforce.

Duncan Kerr, Equity & Law's chief actuary, said that Lautro had "taken exception to the style and format" of a mailshot for the bonds that showed investors riding a fairground rollercoaster. The



Walker: questioned way salesmen are paid

idea behind the illustration was that a with-profits bond could help to smooth out the stockmarket. Mr Kerr said: "Lautro thought the presentation of the whole item detracted from the content." The 300 policyholders would be receiving a letter in the next few days, he said. He added that compensation for investors could not be ruled out but that would take cases

Julia Liesching, Lautro's chief policy officer, said that Lautro would check in Octo-

Now barristers and judges

from the nearby Wolverhamp-

ton Crown Court, office staff and foundry workers are

among loyal customers served by Keith and Jose Walker,

The Great Western is the

both 53, the tenants.

been carried out. ☐ Yesterday's move against tising for single premium insurance bonds shows how the industry is coming under increasing pressure to curb practices that cost policyholders millions of pounds a year (Lindsay Cook writes).

Also under scrutiny are the severe penalties faced by cli-ents who surrender policies before maturity, and Lautro chief executive Kit Jebens is considering action against companies with high surren-der records, including making them bear more of the cost of early surrenders.

The Office of Fair Trading. which has long campaigned for fail disclosure of all charges before customers sign for poli-cies, is now consulting the industry and consumer groups before recommending stiffer regulations to the Chan-cellor of the Exchequer. Inter-ested parties have until September 4 to make their

views known.

The National Consumer
Council estimates that £200 million a year is lost through the early surrender of endowment mortgages and most insurance companies admit that less than half the policies

they sell reach maturity.
This is largely because the main thrust is on selling 25year endowments to young people who do not understand the losses they will incur if they cash in early. Even those who stay the course until the twenty-fourth year can lose thousands of pounds by cashing in a year early, forfeiting their terminal bonus.

"We found that endowment mortgages were being sold to those with the lowest level of financial sophistication on the recommendation of the building society or bank instead of repayment mortgages," said an NCC spokeswoman. "They are not necessarily the best deal for people struggling to buy properties," Sir David Walker, when

chairman of the Securities and Investments Board, suggested that the industry should look again at the way it pays salesmen. If they were paid over the full term of the policy they might make sure they only sold policies that were likely to mature, he argued.

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Unwelcome whelk: Becky Oakley from the Sea Life Centre in Portsmouth with one of the Japanese invaders

Giant whelks threaten British oysters

BY MICHAEL MCCARTHY. **ENVIRONMENT** · CORRESPONDENT

AN invasion of giant Japanese whelks is threatening to wreck British tyster and mussel beds. The predatory whelks, up to ten times the size of the tamer British whelk, have been found on the North Sea bed, south of Dogger Bank, about 20 miles out. Marine

sciennists fear that fishermen could inadvenently bring them in to inshore waters.

The Thomas' rapa whelks (Rapana yenosa) have already destroyed commercial shellfish populations in the Black Sea, where the species was accidentally introduced from Japan. The whelks were found in a colony by crab fishermen. They may have been brought as eggs on the

hull of a ship from the Black Sea. David Caswell, from Grimsby, pulled up nearly 60 in a single lobster pot and gave one to the Sea Life Centre, an aquarium in his

home town of Portsmouth. Jan Light, of the Conchological Society of Britain and Ireland, said: "They had never been seen in British waters before. They breed like wildfire and feed voraciously on

Heppell, curator of molluses at land in Edinburgh, said: "Fishermen must be alerted because if they throw them overboard within a mile of the shore it could have dire consequences for inshore shellfisheries."

other shellfish." David

The Ministry of Agriculit was investigating.

Farmers unite to repel hippies

Jalopies are no match for the Bodmin Moor tractors, writes Lin Jenkins

WITH the quiet conspiracy of the smugglers of Daphne Du group of Cornish farmers have united to repel "New Age" festival on Bodmin Moor over

the bank holiday weekend. The residents of 22 scattered farms have mounted 24hour patrols to prevent a repeat of last year's White Goddess festival, when more than 5,000 travellers invaded Davidstow moor for two weeks. Nearly 50 sheep were killed by dogs and the land was left in such a state that the local environmental health department deemed it too con-

The main influx of travellers is expected to begin today and the locals, most of whom have commoners' rights on the privately owned moor, have already seen off several. Vans and cars have been towed back on to the public highway after early arrivals declined to move voluntarily.

Julie Dowton, secretary of the Davidstow Commoners' Association, said: "We have taken legal advice and we are entitled to remove trespassers If they fail to comply with our request to leave, then we can use reasonable and minimal force." Pulling vehicles off the moor by tractor complied with the law. "We are absolutely determined there will be no festival. Last year was a

Devon and Cornwall police have been following the move-ment of travellers for some weeks, after being taken by surprise last year when the usually small festival ballooned. All leave has been cancelled from today and there are contingency plans to

Thousands of travellers are now scattered over southern England after Sussex police foiled attempts to hold a festival at Cissbury Ring, near Worthing, last week.

Drab backdrop for Britain's best pub

Hard work, good food and superb beer brought Camra's top award to Wolverhampton, Craig Seton writes

A DINGY Wolverhampton back street lined with old factory buildings and overlooked by a viaduct carrying a main railway line is the unpromising venue of the best pub in Britain, acclaimed today by the Campaign for Real Ale (Camra).

A few years ago the Great Western in Sun Street was considered to be on its last legs. Built in the 1850s and located in a rundown industrial area near Wolverhampton town centre it was out of place and out of time five years ago when Holdens, a small Black Country brewery, took it over from one of the country's largest brewing companies.

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Top schools A-level league in The Times

THE first ranking of A-level results to compare state and independent schools will appear in The Times on Saturday. At least 250 leading schools will be named in a special feature analysing the performance of the two

This year's improved per-formance at A-level has produced marked fluctua-tions in the positions of state schools at the top of the league tables. Independent schools are expected to

The feature will chart the leading independent schools' results over the past five years. The result will be the most compre hensive picture yet of their A level performance, a yardstick against which others can be judged.

ex-miners EDUCATION

CORRESPONDENT

living at home.

first public house in the West Midlands to win Camra's pub of the year award and it is praised for its outstanding beer, superb food and friendly bar staff. It serves four real ales and no item on its straightforward food menu costs more than E2.50. Homemade steak and kidney pie, giant hot pork and beef cobs and a local speciality, a gruel of grey mushy peas and bacon, costing only 70p, are all a full-meal. Furnishings are simple, the walls are lined with railway memorabilia and there is

Keith Walker served his lunchtime customers yesterday wearing a crisp white shirt and tie while his wife was in charge of kitchen staff, including her daughter and sister. It is their third tenancy and when they took it over they would get up at 5.30am to prepare cheap but compre-hensive breakfasts to put it on the map.
Mrs Walker said: "It was a

down-and-out pub when we took it over, a real dive, but it was a challenge. I think we give our customers good value for money. They want good food and beer. It just took off." Mr Walker said that because of its location, the pub had no natural clientele and they had to attract customers by word of mouth. The Black

Country was a gritty industrial area and people did not want anything too fancy.

David Fryer, an official of Camra's West Midlands branch, said: This just shows what can be done with a little hard work, application, excellent beer, good food and good

Courses at home for

BY MATTHEW D'ANCONA

ONCE the heart of Welsh mining and union militancy, the valleys of South Wales will become an impromptu seat of learning next year under plans to set up a community university to enable jobless miners to take degree courses while

University College, Swansea, plans to offer 40 places to students in degree subjects such as community enterprise, modern Welsh and European studies, backed up by bursary funds. A £20,000 grant from the Universities Funding Council will allow the for the Valleys, modelled on American community colleges, to provide lectures, libraries and crèche facilities close to the homes of

the long-term unemployed. British Coal last week adnounced the closure of two pits and the loss of nearly 500 jobs in the South Wales minefield leaving only one pit employing 370 men in an area that once gave work to more than 100,000. Dons at Swansea hope the new initiative will be a fillip to enterprise in deprived communities.

Hywell Francis, director of adult continuing education at Swansea, said that the new community university would be a catalyst for similar schemes in disadvantaged areas. People who were unemployed or had domestic responsibilities could pursue part-time or full-time courses.

David Thomas, a retired miner from West Glamorgan who was badly hurt in an underground accident in 1985, said he would now be able to work from home and study a couple of times a week in a subject like politics or history".

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Ignore curriculum tests, parents told

THE national curriculum is failing children, making impossible demands on teachers and misleading parents, the annual meeting of the British Association for the Advancement of Science was told

yesterday.
Paul Black, professor of science education at King's College London, and one of the architects of the government's educational reforms, said that teachers, pupils and parents would be well advised to ignore the results of science attainment tests for 14-yearolds under the national curriculum recause they were bound to be untrustworthy.

Professor Jim Campbell, of Warwick University, said that the introduction of the national curriculum into primary schools had left teachers on a treadmill, working harder and achieving less.

Class teachers had to become "the primary school equivalent of Einstein, Madame Curie and Linford

BRITISH ASSOCIATION Southampton

order to satisfy the demands of the national curriculum. The intellectual demands made of teachers could be realised "only by renaissance men and women", of whom there were few in the primary

teaching force, he said.

Professor Black, who chaired the committee in 1988 that recommended how children should be tested, said that the government had abandoned most of the principles embodied in his report. These changes had not been grounded in evidence, but based on prejudice and "are set fair to do serious harm to children's education".

The kind of standardised tests now envisaged were similar to those that had been used for many years in the United States, but which were now being abandoned there. Far from fitting naturally into classroom practice, they en-

Experts clash over Britain's decline

Does it matter when other nations take up science and push us down the league? Nige! Hawkes reports

IS SCIENCE in Britain in decline? Does it matter? Yesterday two of the country's leading experts on science policy clashed at the annual meeting in Southampton.

Ben Martin, of the Science Policy Research Unit at Sussex University, said evidence clearly showed that British science was slipping behind that of other countries. Quoting evidence of the number of scientific papers published and how often each one was cited by other scientists. Dr Martin said that while British science had grown it had done so less quickly than that of other nations.

Dr Martin's leading critic, Terence Kealey of Cambridge University, said that a relative more countries were now working at science, which should be welcomed. "In the nineteenth century only three countries had any real science - Britain, France and Germany. British science was then probably a third of world science. Now it is a tenth, but that is a result of many other countries, including the US and Japan, joining in," he

"Britain still does ten per cent of world science with only one per cent of the world's population and so long as science continues to grow absolutely, relative decline is inevitable and even

Dr Kealey then suggested that government support for science should be reduced. Since it is an article of faith at

UNSPOILED countryside all

over southeast England will

disappear under bricks and

mortar unless present accept-

ed levels of housing develop-

ment are reduced, the Council

for the Protection of Rural

England says in a leaflet published today.

be no cause for complacency.

Tony Burton, the council's

senior planner, said vesterday.

The long-term threat of

urbanisation was as great as

Last month. Michael How-

expected

ard, the environment secre-tary, had indicated that the

855,000 new houses to be

built in the South-East be-

tween 1991 and 2006. That

was based on an assumption

of 57,000 completions a year.

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The housing slump should

the conference that the more that is spent the better, this was a revolutionary notion. He said that Britain had been in economic decline for two to three decades, even though it was a major science nation. This was also true of the US. Australia and New Zealand. Japan, with no great government funding of civil research and development, had flourished. When governments spent more on science, industry spent less and the economy performed worse, he said.

The US government had spent almost nothing on science before the second world war, although its economy grew rapidly. Since American science spending burgeoned. economic growth had continmore recently it had faltered.

Dr Martin conceded that both Switzerland and Japan. two highly successful economies with low government science spending, appeared to support Dr Kealey's thesis but said both were untypical and not to be taken as a model. He called for a government policy of concentration and said he hoped that the new Office of Science and Technology would provide

For Dr Kealey this was all too familiar. The simple fact was, he said, that public funding of civil research and development damaged science because it displaced more private money than it fed in. "You can have too

Ministers urged to call halt

to urban build-up in South

couraged teachers to drill pupils to pass the tests. The results could not possi

bly be reliable, because the tests would be too short. At 14. for example, pupils will face a three-hour test in science to see if they meet three "attainone hour per target.
"From all the evidence that

I know, the result of one hour of testing on science perfor-mance will be untrustworthy," he said. "To cover the ground. the test will be bound to adopt those narrow forms of test items which the USA authorities are abandoning after decades of experience with them. Teachers, pupils and parents would be well advised to ignore the results."

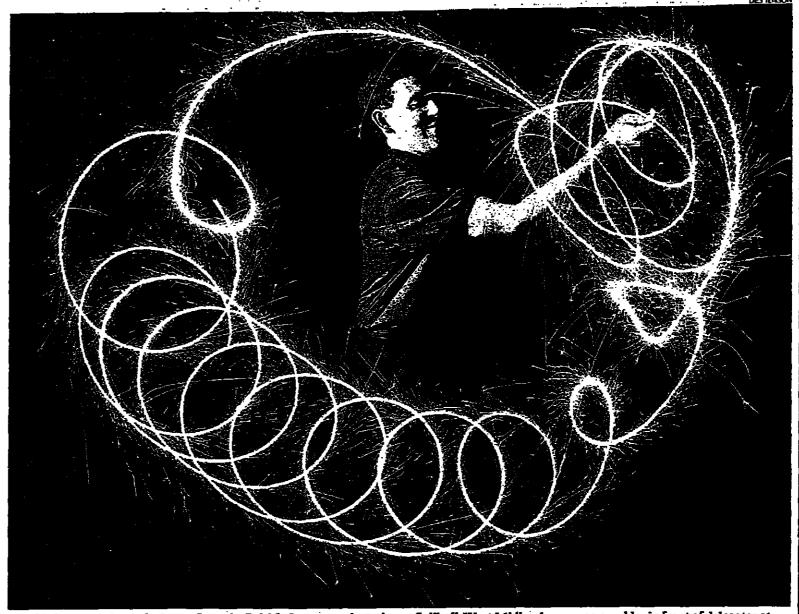
The Education Reform Act had become an instrument for direct government control in ters were insulated from professional opinion and expertise, Professor Black said. "As an academic researcher who saw the act as a force for good, and who has given much of his time to trying to help its development, I am deeply disappointed and fearful at

Professor Campbell said that the national curriculum, a dream at conception, had turned into a nightmare at delivery. Conscientious teachers committed to reform were having to work unreasonably long hours, averaging about 54 a week, to keep up.
Only a third of the time was

spent teaching, the rest in preparation, marking, meetings, in-service training and other professional development, he said.

This "enervating treadmill" left the teachers working hard, but getting little satisfaction. "I notice that I never complete what I hope to achieve," one teacher told him, summarising the feelings of many.

Professor Campbell sugested that the demands of the national curriculum might be modified to make them more realisable without subjecting teachers to a contimuation of "unmanageable workloads and a profound sense of failure".In many cases, such changes would need more money, to improve staffing levels and the teaching materials available in



Shining example: Andy Gosse, from the British Gas research station at Solihull, West Midlands, waves a sparkler in front of delegates at the British Association for the Advancement of Science meeting in Southampton yesterday. He and his colleague David McHugh gave an hour-long lecture that featured 50 experiments, including explosions, all designed to emphasise safety and the science of combustion

Scientists lose fight against malaria

WITHIN five years it may be impossible to protect travellers to some parts of the world against malaria (Nigel Hawkes writes). The growth of drug resistance is progressive and frightening, and quinine is losing its effectiveness, the meeting was told.

Studies by Nicholas White and colleagues at the faculty tropical medicine at Mahidol University in Thailand have shown a steady loss of drug effectiveness in malar-ia patients. "We're not keeping pace in terms of new drugs," said Adrian Hill, of the John Radcliffe Hospital in Oxford. "Recently introduced drugs such as Mefloquine are losing effectiveness, and there are relatively few new drugs in

Already malaria is causing between one and two million deaths a year, almost entirely in developing countries. The danger, said Dr Hill, was that the declining effectiveness of drugs would increase deaths to ten million a year. Deaths in Britain are rare,

but not unknown: recently Richard Hughes, brother of the MP Simon Hughes, died after contracting malaria on his honeymoon in Kenya. The riskiest areas for travel-lers are the relatively prosper-

ous parts of the developing world, including Thailand and Kenya, where drugs have been widely used, allowing resistance to develop. Failure to complete a course of antimalaria tablets, which is combecause it allows the infective agent to survive and co-exist with low levels of the drug. Better use of drugs could slow the development of resistance, Dr Hill said. He reported on efforts to

develop a vaccine against malaria by looking for the genes that control the immune response to the disease. We have identified a probable mechanism for the immune response gene, which should lead us to one or two antigens which might then be candidates for a malaria vac-cine," he said. "We should have some cocktail of proteins in five years that should give useful protection against the

Dr Bridget Ogilvie, director

No change in lot of warned that in spite of the threat posed by malaria, dethe elderly veloping a vaccine might not attract drug companies because the profits would not be large. "There used to be many companies producing vaccines, now there are very few," she said. They are expensive to develop and to

maintain, and the risks are high. Industry is rather reluctant to enter into it." The most widely used vaccine, developed in Colombia, has been tested on tens of thousands of people in Latin America, with a claimed effectiveness of 70 per cent. "So far, these trials have not been published in full," Dr Hill said. "We need more testing to know if this vaccine is really.

THE notion that today's el-derly are more lonely and isolated from their children than in the past was dismissed yesterday as a myth.

Richard Wall, a researcher at Cambridge University who has based his study on records dating back to 1692, told the association that the belief that the elderly were cared for in the past by complex family units was "an idealised misrepresentation".

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Institutions for the elderly were common 300 years ago. and were normal for men and women over 75 years old. The close enough to have regular contact with their elderly parents had not altered since the late eighteenth century, he

Differences in living arrangements today could be explained more by changes in the birth rate, the availability of small housing units and standards of living than by changes in family values, said Mr Wall, acting director of the Economic and Social Research Council's group for history of population and

Mr Wall found that the number of over-75s in institutions differed little over the centuries. The one change in modern times was that more women were in institutions. because of their higher life

Researchers kill myth of unchanging countryside

TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

popular romantic image of a bygone rural age in which villagers lived in selfcontained isolation untouched by events outside their parish is challenged in a study of three English villages published yesterday.

Migrations into villages were commonplace and could have a significant impact on a community's life. Andrew Hinde, a researcher in the social statistics department at Southampton University, told

ers. "The people who moved ... were not marginal to the social and economic life of these villages, playing walk-on parts. They were often central to the drama," he said. The research, based on a

detailed analysis of census returns and registers of births, deaths and marriages be-tween 1841 and 1891, also challenges the view that in the increasingly industrialised late nineteenth century, the more able villagers migrated to the towns, leaving the countryside a backwater. The study was based on Durley near Southampton, Ashley near Winchester, and Somborne and Stratfield Turgis, northeast of Basingstoke. The researchers believe they are typical of English villages at the time.

A study of Durley's population in 1891 found that 192 people were born in the parish but 262 were born outside, including several from the Midlands, a retired doctor from Kent and a farmer and his family from Cornwall. Similar patterns were found in the other two Hampshire

To assess whether this migration had been important for village life, the researchers studied records that showed the jobs of the newcomers and whether they were permanent residents or just seasonal workers.

Many new arrivals were found to have been central to the community's life. For ex-ample, in Ashley in 1861, four farmers had been born in Dorset, Norfolk, Devon and Scotland. In Stratfield Turgis in 1861, the hotel keeper was from Leicester and the curate came from Touenham, north

The villages also had a rapid turnover of residents. In Durley, among a population

moved away between 1871 and 1881 but nearly 200 moved in. Many migrants were women leaving their parish to marry or to take up servants' jobs. A study of the Houghton

family, an important name in Durley since at least 1632, found that in 1891 12 married men of that name were living in the village, 11 of them born in the parish. All but one of these men had wives who had been born elsewhere, from surrounding villages such as Itchen Stoke and Upton but also from Winchester and South

Russian academics

do it the hard way By KERRY GILL

ANYONE who suspects that academics are a soft lot unmodern life should be introduced to Viktor Anisimov, deputy head of the St Petersburg Institute of Mechanics. and his six weather-beaten colleagues.

The seven scientists had been invited to exchange expertise in oil industry technology and research with their counterparts at the new Robert Gordon University in Aberdeen. The problem was that the Russians had no hard currency with which to pay the £350 fares from St Petersburg to Aberdeen.

Mr Anisimov and his friends borrowed a 30ft yacht and, despite storms and a lack modern navigational equipment, completed the 19-day voyage from the gulf of Fin-land to Aberdeen harbour.

The crew lived on coffee. biscuits, catmeal and sardines as bad weather forced them to take a 1.000-mile zig-zag course through the Baltic and the North Sea. Accommodation aboard the yacht, named Success, was so cramped that at least two were forced to remain on deck whatever the weather. They stopped twice,

at Konigsberg and Copen-

Yesterday Mr Anisimov and

his crew were preparing for the return voyage to St Peters-burg. He said: "This skill has helped us at a time when air and expensive. It was very stormy all the time in the Baltic and none of our navigational aids worked.

"We had to rely on a compass and a lot of luck to get here." Luckily all are experienced sailors and Mr Anisimov is a member of the Russian naval reserve. The Russians were spared the redtape nightmare of trying to get exit visas. By using seamen's passports they were allowed a

five-day stay in Britain. Their visit was the result of a meeting between four of the Russians and scientists at the university. As crew members of the yacht Polstar during last year's tall ships race they took the opportunity to call at the university to discuss future exchange visits and possible joint research projects. This summer two staff from the university paid the first official 🕏 visit to the St Petersburg institute and invited the Rus-

sian delegation back A university spokesman said: "We were expecting a call from the airport to say they prised to hear that instead they



Safe for the moment: Beech Hill, in the path of the Great Lea project

Reducing the level of housing development does not mean ignoring the homeless. leaflet says. But history has shown that building houses does not in itself solve the

in spite of important changes in planning and environmental policies in the meantime. The future of hundreds of sites around towns and villages in the South-East hangs in the balance." Mr Burton said. "Reducing levels of housing development to that which the environment of the South-East can tolerate is one of the most important steps which the government could take on the road to environmentally sustainable development. The leaflet observes that

John Young reports on the fight to keep builders from the South-East

for the loss of more of the South-East's countryside than arry other form of built development. More than half the farmland lost to urban development goes under new



problems. Record levels of housebuilding in the 1980s coincided with record increases in homelessness and a chronic shortage of affordable

New development should he concentrated on making the best use of the huge tracts of wasteland in towns and cities, and on revitalising the thousands of vacant unfit houses. London alone has more than 1,140 hectares (nearly 3,000 acres) of urban dereliction, an area which has increased by more than 300. per cent since 1974. Outside London there are a further 700 hectares of derelict land in other towns and cities in the

"It is frequently argued that such a small percentage of the countryside will disappear under housing development in the next ten years that conservationists' worries are a storm in a teacup," the leaflet says. But statistics tell only part

of the story. The predicted loss of 1.27 per cent of the total land to urban development meant a 10 per cent increase in the urban area outside London, and the loss of more than 34,000 hectares of rural land. That is equivalent to losing an area of countryside almost the size of the Isle of Wight in 20

The leaflet pinpoints as



development "hot spots" Carterion, Oxfordshire: Reading. Berkshire; Princes Risborough, Buckingham-shire: Micheldever, Hampshire: Bedford: Brighton: Horley, Surrey: Stevenage. Hertfordshire; the Medway Gap in Kent; and Chelmsford,

☐ Until now the M4 motorway sweeping south of Reading has provided an accepted barrier against further urban sprawl. To the north the spread of the housing estates surrounding one of Britain's most successful boom towns has appeared to be almost

On the southern side the scene changes abruptly. Barely 40 miles from the centre of London narrow lanes meander through idyllic countryside

hamlets too small to merit more than a passing glance. The parkland of Stratfield Saye, home of the Duke of Wellington, is a reminder of a less frenetic age.
But the peaceful acres to the

west of the village of Spencers Wood, interrupted only by the A33 dual carriageway between Reading and Basingstoke, have for many years been coveted by wouldin 1988 plans by the

Speyhawk property group for a de facto new town on 300 acres adjoining Spencers Wood, three miles south of Reading, were included in the Berkshire structure plan at the insistence of Nicholas Ridley, then environment secretary. but were deleted under pressure from environmental bodies. The scheme, to be known as Great Lea, would have comprised up to 7,000 new homes, a shopping centre and

a new railway station. The scheme was opposed by Michael Heseltine, Mr Rid-ley's predecessor and later successor at the department, who has consistently argued against large-scale development to the west of London, suggesting that expansion in the South-East would be best accommodated by his favoured east London "corridor which runs along both banks of the Thames est-

An appeal by Speyhawk against the refusal of planning permission was rejected after a public enquiry in 1989. That is unlikely to be the end of the

British box office boom

Arts festivals join the ranks of big business

ARTS CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN is becoming one great island arts festival, with 557 annual events lasting from two days to several weeks each, the Policy Studies Institute says in a report published

In 1991 festivals sold 4.2 million tickets worth £17.6 million, 41 per cent of the income from the events. More than half the festivals have been founded since 1980, often as a means of boosting local economies by attracting tourists and encouraging urban-renewal.

"Although many are small-scale, taken together arts festi-vals are big business," the report says. Last year festivals received an estimated E6.8 million in sponsorship, while £7 million came from local

Festival income ranges from £115 to more than £5.5 million, with an average of £22,000, while a third have an moome of less than £10,000. The biggest box office income draws are the Edinburgh International Festival and Glyndebourne Festival Opera. accounting together for more than 30 per cent of all festival box office receipts. Five festi-vals take more than 50 per cent of all receipts.

Apart from their proliferation, the most obvious feature of arts festivals is diversity in size, content and professional input. The report says that 62 per cent of arts festivals are professionally managed.

"Arts festivals are very diverse in their size and subject matter, but the one thing they have in common is the cele-bratory aspect. Heather Rolfe, the author of the report,

Though audiences are increasing, the economics of running an arts festival are becoming more difficult. The income of British festivals is an

Edinburgh Fringe BBC Promenade Concerts 250,000
Edinburgh Festival 167,000
Walsh National
Eisteddfod 164,000
Brighton Festival 130,000

estimated £40.6 million a year, but their organisers spend £40.9 million on them. More than half had a deficit last year, and 13 per cent have an accumulated deficit.

The report says organises were optimistic because of the size of audiences and the willingness of volunteers, but pessimistic because of lack of financial support by the govemment or the uncertainty of local authority funding.

Dr Rolfe said: "Organisers are saying that sources of funding are changing towards business sponsorship, but as the recession bites deeper that money is becoming harder to find." The amateur organiser who run 38 per cent of festivals may lack experience in trawling for the business sponsorship they need.

Festivals are popular with had radio and television coverage last year. They have also been an important conduit for new works, with 34 per cent of

Estimated annual income of UK art festivals (1991)

New clue. in kidnap search

The kidnapper of a bank manager's wife is believed to be responsible for an extortion incident at a second bank. police revealed yesterday. Cheshire detectives hunting the bogus policeman who kidnapped Elizabeth Kerr for a £40,000 ransom on August 14 say they have established a firm link with an extertion attempt in the West Midlands a week earlier.

That incident, at a NatWest bank in Solihull on August 7, also featured a demand for money but did not involve a kidnap, police said.

Mrs Kerr, 37, was taken from her home in Holmes Chapel, Cheshire, and kept in the boot of a car while her husband, manager of Barclays in Sale, Greater Manchester, collected and handed over the

Fire kills girl

in the bedroom of a three yearold girl who hated sleeping in the dark might have caused her death when it set fire to her bedroom Natalie Godfrey's five-year-old sister Lucy was also badly burnt in the blaze, which broke out after the electricity meter was turned off at their house in Great Chesterford, Essex.

Theft charge

A former Bank of England worker accused of stealing more than £150,000 from its incineration depot was sent for trial at Southwark Crown Court. Kevin Winwright, of Chelmsford, Essex, was committed on bail by Bow Street magistrates.

Jury mix-up

A man was about to take his seat on an Old Bailey jury when staff discovered that by coincidence the jury was to hear a burglary charge against his son. The jury panel was discharged and the case transferred to another court.

Voles counted

Scientists have begun a census of the vole population on Skomer island off the Pembrokeshire coast. Studies are carried out every decade.

Death in cell

Philip Goulding, 30, accused of murdering his lover at their Strangaer home, was found dead, hanging in his cell at Dumfries prison.

£400,000 ferry error leaves Scots

isle at sea By Kerry Gill

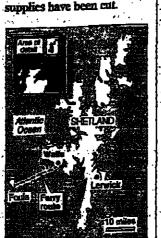
THE future of Britain's most remote island community has been thrown into doubt because of a blunder that has left the inhabitants without

People living on Foula, off the west coast of Shetland, lost their own ferry three years ago when Shetland council promised them a new boat that would be berthed at a £1 million purpose-built pier on the island. Since then they have made do sharing a ferry with the island of Papa

Stour to the north. No one should have been happier than the 42 islanders when they heard that their new vessel, Westering Homewards, was about to arrive in Shetland. But the £400,000 ferry had hardly turned a screw before it was found to wracked north Atlantic.

Yesterday, councillors agreed that a ferry should be based at Foula but said the problem was finding a suitible one. They were told that legal action by the council had not been ruled out, though Edward Thomason, the council convener, refused to say who such action could be taken against. Captain George Sutherland, director of marine services, is to prepare a report on the matter.

The Foula islanders, meanwhile, are enraged. "The old island-based ferry was often our only link with the outside world," said Isobel Holbourn, the islanders' spokeswoman. You can imagine how we felt when we heard that the Westering Homewards would be useless in these waters." Without a Foula-based boat, mail services have become erratic, livestock has missed market and grocery



but that may be changing with a reduction in commissions because of reduced funding.

Some festival organisers believe that tough competition for funding discourages festivals from including innova-tory work and makes festivals dictable and unadventurous,"

The report is published at the height of the festival sea-son, and almost a third of organisers plan changes, often to include more non-musical events and to appeal to youn-ger people. Others are recon-sidering dates and duration. Edinburgh might split its international, fringe, jazz, film, television and books festivals, which are concurrent, to spread them over the year, and draw the international festival out to cover five weeks instead of three.

Arts Festivals In The UK, by

Heather Rolfe, is published by the Policy Studies Institute at



Getting in on the act: Prince Edward rehearsing yesterday with the Haddo Players for the company's production of Trelawny of the Wells at Haddo House, Grampian

Battle theme takes BBC2 into autumn

By MELINDA WITTSTOCK, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

CONFLICT in the twentieth century will be the theme of War And Peace, a month-long series of documentaries, classic programmes and feature films that forms part of the £34 million autumn schedule announced yesterday by

The series, which ends on Remembrance day on Novful reflection on warfare by the poet Tony Harrison. Mr Harrison has collaborated with Peter Symes to make Gaze of the Gorgon, in which the creature of legend that turned men to stone becomes a metaphor for the twentieth century, posing the question of what society can do to resist its petrifying gaze.

I Renounce War looks at the history of conscientious objection in Britain during both world wars, while *Battle* Cries investigates how soldiers behave in combat. Splendid Hearts attempts to reclaim the history of the

BBC2's Saturday night dra-ma series Performance returns with Sir Alec Guinness and Jeremy Irons in Tales from Hollywood, written by

1940s Hollywood and seen through the eyes of Thomas Mann, his brother Heinrich, Bertolt Brecht and Odon von Horvath, the play examines the bizarre cultural conflicts of wartime Hollywood.

Alan Yentob, controller of BBC2, has promised "a delicious deviant brew of demonology" in Witcheraft, about a enteenth-century witchcraft as the subject of her latest film script. As filming begins the boundaries of fiction and reality blur. Jennifer new comedy series with Joanna Lumley, Absolutely Fabu-lous, which revolves around a fashion PR boss and her best

The Prince of Wales will join Sir Roy Strong on a guided tour in Royal Gar-Jones, the former IC1 chairman, will return with a second series of Troubleshooter.

Music and arts documentaries include a look back at Kurt Weill's Broadway career, a portrait of Rachmaninov in exile, and profiles of the children's writer Enid Blyton

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Iraqis move warplanes north of 32nd parallel

FROM JAMIE DETTMER IN WASHINGTON AND CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN NICOSIA

PRESIDENT Saddam Hussein, despite issuing bloodcurdling statements on Monday threatening to resist any plan to impose a "no-fly" zone in southern Iraq, has started to move combat aircraft to bases north of the 32nd parallel and out of harm's way.

According to American intelligence reports, the redeployment began at the week-end as Baghdad was declaring its intention to respond mili-tarily to the introduction by America, Britain and France of an air exclusion zone in the South. More than 30 warnorth, leaving only about ten As the Pentagon analysed

Kabul hunt | will result in the streng of Iran in the region. for truce

begins By Our Foreign Staff

TWO of the most senior members of Afghanistan's rul-ing leadership council said yesterday that they would leave Pakistan for Kabul to negotiate a ceasefire between dissident Mujahidin guerrillas and the Afghan president

Vice-President Muhammad Nabi Muhammadi and Younis Khalis, leader of a splinter faction of the Hezb-i-Islami party, plan to go to Kabul or its surrounding province today, officials said.

ceasefire and reconciliation between them to establish an Islamic government," the Afghan Islamic Press quoted Mr Khalis as saying. Mr Khalis and the more moderate Mr Muhammadi are members of the leadership council, an uneasy coalition of at least ten Mujahidin parties set up when the Mujahidin took power from the communist

government in Kabul. There was heavy rocket and artillery fire in Kabul yesterday as the renegade Hezb-i-Islami and forces loyal to the Mujahidin Islamic govern-ment launched offensives against each other's positions. The two veteran Mujahidin

leaders had received acceptances to a letter sent to President Burhanuddin Rabbani of Afghanistan and to the fundamentalist Hezb leader Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, also a member of the leadership council who is based south of the city, the official said, "We received a positive reply from every side, the Afghan Islamic Press quoted Mr Khalis as saying. In Brussels, the medical relief organisation Médécins sans Frontières said yesterday

that about 200,000 civilians have fled the fighting in Kabul and 50,000 of them have to survive in very bad conditions. It added that the refugees have settled in makeshift camps along the road to the city of

ments of Iraqi military dispositions in and around the southern marshlands, home to the Shia Muslim rebellion against Saddam's regime, the State Department cautioned Iran not to take advantage of the Western allies' plan. During the Gulf war, Amer-

ica sent frequent messages to Tehran aimed at reassuring Iran that Washington posed no military threat. No reply has been received yet from President Rafsanjani's go ernment, which has backed with supplies some Shia factions in southern Iraq. Several Arab governments have ex-pressed disquiet over the West-ern air prohibition plan on the grounds that it risks encourag-ing the break-up of Iraq and will result in the strengthening

The message to Iran was part of Washington's diplomatic effort to calm regional fears. On Monday, Gulf Arab diplomats in Kuwait claimed that an announcement of the "no-fly" zone had been delayed because Arab govern-ments had asked the Western allies to re-think their plan. Bush administration officials denied there had been any slip in the timetable for the announcement agreed between Washington, London and

Yesterday, Marlin Fitz-water, the White House press secretary, said a statement from President Bush on the plan would be made in the next few days. On Sunday, Mr Fitzwater predicted that the ban would be imposed yesterday, but he did say it might take a few days longer.

The redeployment of Iraqi warplanes over the weekend coincided with an increase in attacks by Iraqi troops and helicopters on Shia positions, according to the American intelligence reports. Leading exiled Iraqi opposition sources also said yesterday that Iraqi air and heavy artillery attacks were continuing on the Shias in the southern marshes.

The latest reports from inside the marshlands were circulated by Saad Jabr, the son of a former prime minister. They named three villages in the Amara area, al-Misrah, al-Nakkara and al-Mahalla, which were "heavily bombed" causing many casualties and forcing their inhabitants to flee into the marshes. The area is just below the 32nd parallel.

The reports, which have not been confirmed, also name three villages in the Nasiriya district, al-Jarish, al-Hammar and al-Fuhood, which they said were the target of re-newed artillery attack.





Hitting the hungry: starving Soma-li children at a feeding centre near the town of Baidoa, who became frightened when they learnt there would not be enough food to go around, being beaten with sticks to keep them under control. It was disclosed yesterday that gummen

seized and killed II Somali em-ployees of the Red Cross last week (Our Foreign Staff writes). The men were being taken from Kismayu, whose people are of a different clan from the employees, to a safer area. The US military airlift of food into

Friday but UN aid officials still could not say yesterday where the planes would be heading and how aid would be distributed. The C131 Hercules aircraft can only fly to a few airports in the country. Four are in the ports of Mogadishu and Kismayu where food is being

brought in by ship. The others are in the worst-hit areas, at Hoddur. Baidera, Baidoa and Belet Huen Meanwhile, an official of the UN said yesterday that Sudamese rebels had blocked UN attempts to visit

Israel hints at concession to Syria on Golan Heights

FROM RICHARD BRESTON IN JERUSALEM

ISRAEL hinted yesterday that it was ready to make some territorial concessions on the strategic Golan Heights captured from Syria 25 years ago. In an interview with Israel Radio, Shimon Peres, the foreign minister, confirmed that negotiators at the peace talks in Washington would be working on the basis of UN Resolution 242, which calls for withdrawal of Israeli forces from territories captured in the 1967 six-day war. Asked whether Israel would

tell Syria it was ready to withdraw from the plateau, Mr Peres replied: "Israel is saying this the way it decided to say this, namely, using the words of resolutions 242 and 338 ... Israel declares that resolution 242 applies to all

His comments, although deliberately vague, neverthe-less were a radical departure from the previous Likud-led government of Yitzhak Shamir, which insisted that the Jewish state had already met the terms of the resolution by returning the Sinai peninsula to Egypt under the Camp David accords. It resolutely refused to contemplate a withdrawal from the Golan Heights or the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

The Israeli foreign minister gave a warning, however, that at this stage Israel was discussing only "principles not maps" and he urged Damascus not to interpret his comments as meaning Israel was ready to relinquish the Golan, home to 15,000 Israeli settlers and 18,000 Druze Arabs. "The Syrians should certainly soften



their position: otherwise, they will iconardise the continuation of the peace negotia-tions," he said. "It is inconceivable that the Syrians will say that they will start the negotiations after we accept their positions on all issues." A note of caution was also

injected by Yitzhak Rabin, the Israeli prime minister, during a visit to the Palestinian town of Ramallah where he warned both Israelis and Palestinians not to expect any "miracles or short cuts". In particular, he said that in the talks between Israeli and Palestinian negotiators which reconvened yesterday the two sides still had fundamental differences on the question of elections in the occupied territories. Israel envisages an administrative council, but Palestinians de-

mand a legislative assembly. However, he repeated his offer to allow the polls to be held within the coming months. "I would be prepared to propose a target date of April or May 1993 as a date for elections on condition that we determine the stages leading up to that. For example, by December 1 the electoral system, by January 1 or February l an agreement on what we hand over to the administrative council."

Not surprisingly, the comments of the two veteran Labour leaders drew immediate criticism from the opposi-tion right-wing hawks who accused the government of offering the Arab side concessions with nothing in return.
"The Israeli negotiators are competing to see who has more concessions in his sack," Ariel Sharon, the hardline former housing minister, told the Knesset

However, the right wing has failed so far to mobilise a credible campaign against the left-wing coalition, a fact highlighted on Monday when seven opposition Knesset members staged a demonstration march through Arab east Jerusalem, which attracted at most 40 of their supporters.

Right-wing fears were compounded by the announcement yesterday that two dovish Knesset members, Yael Dayan of Labour and Naomi Chazan of the leftist Meretz party, had held a secret meeting in The Hague last week with Nabil Shaath, a Palestinian official. Although such contacts are still banned under Israeli law, Yael Dayan, daughter of the late defence minister Moshe Dayan, said that she held the meeting to show that "there is a majority among the Israeli public and today also in the Knesset as well as among Palestinians and the PLO leadership which speaks the same language".

Akihito's visit to Peking riles right

FROM CATHERINE SAMPSON IN PEKING: 4"

ANOTHER old Asian enemy fell under Peking's sway yesterday when Japan an-nounced that Emperor Akihito would be making a controversial visit to China in October. The announcement came just a day after China established diplomatic relations with South Korea and caused great satisfaction in Peking, which is eager for trade and investment and has pushed hard for the emperor

The news caused nervousness in Tokyo, where rightwingers have opposed the visit, fearing the emperor may be humiliated by having to apologise for wartime atrocnies. A member of Japan's right-wing nationalist fringe reacted soon after the announcement by setting a truck ablaze outside the official residence of Kiichi Miyazawa, the

prime minister. Japanese officials said that Peking had agreed that the emperor would not apologise, but nationalists did not seem reassured. A police spokesman said that a special security commission had been set up to protect public figures from

possible terrorist attacks inspired by the news of the trip. The visit will be the first by a Japanese monarch since the occupation of China, during which an estimated ten mil lion people died. In one of the most infamous episodes of the war, Japanese soldiers mur-dered some 200,000 civilians in the city of Nanking. At a camp in Heilongjiang, they carried out biological experiments on Chinese prisoners. Recent poils show that 70 per cent of Japanese are in favour of the visit, which will strengthen relations between the two most important countries in Asia. Right-wiagets, however, fear that the emperor, as the son of the wartime Emperor Hirohito, who died in 1989, is vulnerable to Chinese demands for some expression of regret.

Chinese leaders well be sore-ly tempted to mention the war. It has been a constant source of tension, with Peking repeat edly charging that lapan glosses over its wartune crimes Chinese leadership will not visit, and the economic benefits it could bring, by raising such sensitive topics.
Peking relinquished its

right to seek war indemnity from Japan in 1972, when relations were normalised The agreement, however, did not apply to non-governmental organisations or individ-uals. Early this year, a Chinese intellectual, Tong Zeng, collected signatures from more than 10,000 Chinese war victims in order to press for compensation. Such individual campaigns are usually quashed quickly by Peking, but this one has until now been tolerated - a sign of tacit Support

But Peking is unlikely to allow such campaigners any where near the emperor, not least because in the past anti-Japanese feeling has fuelled mass student demonstrations That is one aspect of Chinese life that the Communist leaders have no intention of showing off to the emperor.

abusive and violent mother

unfit to retain custody of their three children, two of whom

are adopted Soon-Yi, who

was adopted by Farrow and her former husband, the con-

ductor Andre Previo, and

who is now living with Allen, says her mother once hit her

with a chair and was often ab-

usive. Allen also says Farrow's

lawyers tried to blackmail him

for \$7 million (£3.5 million) in

exchange for suppressing the

Both sides say that "much more" will come out in court.

As Allen told Time magazine,

he feels he is "at the centre of a

get to see and hear the second half of the drama has yet to be

decided. On Monday, lawyers

for both sides asked that film

cameras should be banned

from the court. Judge Gangel-

Jacobs ruled that, although

Whether New Yorkers will

allegations of abuse.

cosmic explosion".

Beirut asks Speaker not to quit

Beingt The Lebanese government yesterday called on Hussein Hossein, the parlia-mentary Speaker, to withdraw his resignation which he submitted on Monday, alleging that the first phase of elections were rigged. He suffered an humiliating defeat from the Iranian backed Hezbollah fundamentalist group in his Baalbeck constituency (Ali

Jaber writes].
The administration refused to yield to his demand to announce the polls null and void, preferring to wait until this morning, when the final results become available.

Jet talks held

Moscow: Qin Jiwei, the Chinese defence minister, visiting here, discussed with Pave Grachev, his Russian counterpart, the possibility of Moscow selling fighter aircraft and other arms to China. They also discussed arms reduction and border security. (Reuter)

Nine killed

Johannesburg: A South African policeman under investigation for rape shot dead eight people, including five col-leagues and a four-year-old girl, before shooting himself dead at a police station and prison complex at Goedemoed, Orange Free State.

Boat spotted

Singapore: A Taiwanese fishing boat, the Terfu 51, fleeing the scene of its collision with a houry liner on Sunday, was seen steaming north in the South China Sea, a Singapore official said. Malaysia has launched an air and sea search for the vessel. (Reuter)

Nuclear pact

Mexico City: The French ambassador to Mexico said that France has ratified a protocol of a 1967 treaty that would prohibit the construction or stockpiling of nuclear arms in its territories in Latin America. Britain has also signed the protocol. (Reuter)

Robot farmers

Tokyo: Japan plans to develop robot farm workers to take the place of people abandoning the land for jobs in cities, an official said. The farming population had dropped from six million households in 1960 to 3.78 million last year. (Reuter)

Bingo bulletins

Sydney: Fierce competition has led Australian television stations to introduce bingo games during their news programmes. Prizes include cars. cash and holidays for the lucky winners whose game card mumbers match those shown on screen. (Reuter)

Grass widow

Bulawayo: A 71-year-old grandmother was fined a to-ken 40 Zimbabwe dollars (£4) for smoking marijuana in her home. Annie Ngwenya said a witchdoctor recommended it in ease her asthmat (AP)

Sect leader oversees arranged marriage of 60,000 Moonies

FROM REUTER IN SECUL

FORTY thousand people lined up with military preci-sion and chanted wedding vows in unison at Seoul's Olympic stadium yesterday, many of them pledging to love and cherish a virtual stranger. Another 20,000 participated from afar, pledging their vows by satellite link-up across three continents in the largest mass wedding to date arranged by the Unification Church of the

Rev Sun Myung Moon. Clean-shaven, short-haired grooms sweated in the bright sunshine in identical dark suits and red ties. The women, faces hidden behind identical white veils, clutched identical bouquets to their identical white gowns. Thousands stood alone, holding a photograph of their betrothed, separated on their wedding day because of visa or financial problems. The couples are not permitted to consummate the marriage for 40 days.

Mr Moon, wearing a white and gold crown and draped in a flowing gold-edged white gown, presided at the wedding from a podium erected above the couples, who had ometiom 131 countries. "Do

women who are to consummate the ideal creation of God, pledge to become eternal husband and wife?" he asked the crowd. "Yes," went up the roar in different tongues, making one of four responses needed for the four-part wed-ding vow. The couples, many weeping, exchanged identical wedding rings.

Mr Moon sprinkled water over the 20 couples closest to his podium. Sect officials moved through the crowd on the running track, sprinkling each pair from a small bowl.

"Father," they cried as he swept out of the stadium and thousands of doves and multicoloured balloons were released into the sky. "Thank you, thank you," they screamed, their voices echoing off the packed stands. Friends and relatives packed the arena, responding quietly and obediently to instructions to

rise and sit. A few, like the popular Japanese actress. Junko Sakurada, have spent several weeks getting acquainted. But thousands of Moonies wed virtual strangers. "It's hard to

explain to an outsider," said

who met his Filipina bride for the first time five days ago. "It's a question of belief."

A church booklet says: Most church members desire that Rev Moon recommend a marriage partner. Romantic courtship relationships of the sort common among unmar-ried people in the West are discouraged within the culture of the church."

More than 8,000 couples were paired off by Mr Moon only days ago, mixing and matching photographs of would-be brides and grooms. They trickled into the stadium in pairs, some unable to speak the same language. Hands flew and pencils sketched out ideas as brides and grooms probed for information about the person with whom they would spend the rest of their

Almost half the brides and grooms were Japanese. The messianic Unification movement, which regards Mr Moon as the third Adam completing a task left undone when Jesus was crucified, is strongest in Japan. The South Korean-based church claims to have more than two million

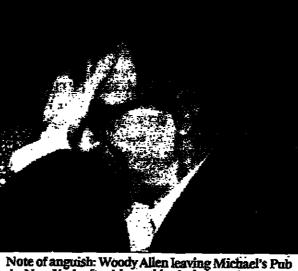
Odd couple scream their way to court

From Ben Macintyre IN NEW YORK

AS THE southern states shudder under the fury of Hurricane Andrew, New Yorkers continue to devote most of their attention to a tempest closer to home. The child custody battle between Woody Allen and his former lover the actress Mia Farrow moved yesterday from the pages of every magazine and newspaper in the city to the supreme court in Manhattan. The latest charge against Allen, that he had brought forward the release date of his new film. Husbands and Wives, in order to capitalise on publicity surrounding the case, was splashed across the New York Post front page yesterday. The film stars Allen and Farrow and has eerie parallels with the drama being played out in real life. Given the welter of charges and counter-charges of child abuse, blackmail, violence

mere greed may seem like light relief for Allen. The Manhattan judge. Phyllis Gangel-Jacob, now has the task of unravelling the truth behind the vitriol. Yesterday, lawyers for both parties presented their pre-

and betrayal, allegations of



Note of anguish: Woody Allen leaving Michael's Pub in New York after his weekly clarinet performance

liminary motions at a pre-trial hearing to set a schedule for later proceedings. As the judge who presided over the marriage break-up between Donald and Ivana Trump, Judge Gangel-Jacob is no stranger to celebrity feuds, but the Allen-Farrow case has achieved an emotional complexity reminiscent of Allen's films, and a melodramatic hitterness worthy of Wagner. Allen has acknowledged

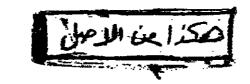
daughter, Soon-Yi Previn, who is believed to be about 21, but has denied allegations that he abused his own adopted daughter Dylan, seven. Allen, 56, claims he had no interest in Soon-Yi as a child: "I thought she was going to be a nun," he said.

that he is having an affair with Farrow's adopted

Allen, in turn, has accused Farrow, 47, his companion of the past 12 years, of being an

other press representatives could attend radio reporters and television cameras should be banned at yesterday's pretrial hearing, but she reserved judgment on whether pro-ceedings could be televised at a later date.

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Ambitious peace talks cloak European and UN failures

THE London Conference, which the prime minister opens today, is the world's most ambitious attempt yet to find a comprehensive political solution to the break-up of Yuguslavia.

The conference is also, however, a tacit admission that poorly co-ordinated attempts by the European Community and by the United Nations to halt the fighting in the former Yugoslavia and to promote a lasting ceasefire there have

The resignation of Lord Carrington, after a year of increasingly unproductive shuttle diplomacy, marks an end to the Europeans' attempt to resolve the conflict without involving powers out-side the former Yugoslavia.

Britain has spent more than two weeks preparing this conference, which Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary. originally opposed, believing it would undermine Lord Carrington's mission. The main danger now is that Serbia or another of the Yugoslav protagonists will walk out. But the pressures on them to remain to negotiate will be strong, especially as any walkout is likely to toughen international opinion against the parties refusing to

This week's meeting marks a tacit admission that international attempts to promote a lasting ceasefire have not worked, Michael Binyon writes

the preparations has been the smoothing of relations with Boutros Boutros Ghali, the United Nations secretary-general, who earlier accused the especially Britain, of overplaying the Yugoslav crisis at the expense of other parts of the world and imposing on the United Nations more than it

The conference, due to end tomorrow evening, has set ise by all the warring parties not to use force; an end to ethnic cleansing; the closure of all detention camps and, until then, an end to human rights violations inside them: and a respect by all sides for frontiers and the rights of ethnic minorities.

If any side rejects these terms the conference will try to mobilise the international community to impose harsher political and economic sanc-

An important by-product of tions than those that are now being deployed against Belgrade. Unless Serbian leaders follow through swiftly on fighting in Bosnia, Butish officials are hoping for swift agreement among all, including the Russians, for new measures that could even include a total communications embargo.

The meeting in London brings together all the foreign ministers of the European Community plus Russia and America; Dr Boutros Ghali and his two senior undersecretaries, Marrack Goulding and Vladimir Petrovsky; Cyrus Vance, the special United Nations envoy: Lord Carrington, who will not step down until next week; represematives of Muslim countries; and the leaders of the six former Yugoslav republics and of their warring ethnic

ning of a standing interna-tional conference that will be based in Geneva, where Mr Vance and Lord Carrington's successor will continue negotiations on all the aspects of the break-up of Yugoslavia. "We are looking for a comprehensive political settlement of the issues raised by the republics that they can all agree to at the end of the day," one British

dominate the London meeting: the fighting in Bosnia and the self-proclaimed rump state of Yugoslavia which has not yet been recognised by any other country.

British officials played

down any hope for a quick end to the bloodshed in Bosnia. "We are not going for another quick and risky ceasefire. It would only hold if it were accompanied by confidence-building measures. There can be no lasting ceasefire unless it takes into account supervision of heavy of the disparate military groups, the lack of trust, the hatred and bitterness," an official said.

attempt to reach agreement on how sanctions should be tightened, if necessary, and

The conference will also



ian relief, especially the emp-tying of the camps and seitle-

ment of refugees. The conference will take over all the negotiations now going on under the European. Community aegis, including the four subgroups set up by Lord Carrington: on Bosnia, minorities, economic issues and the recognition of succes-

participants will sit together round the table in the Queen Elizabeta 2 conference centre, tent an specific agenda will govern the talks Today will see mostly friends speeches though as a senior official

said, all conferences have sues will be tackled tomorrow. and the principles governing bodies such as the United Nations and the Conference on Security and Co-operation

The experimen of Macconstant statistics to come up in Tanking. The European Community, which is increasingly embanaised by the

West tries to reinforce oil embargo

FROM ROGER BOYES IN ZAGREB AND DESSA TREVISAN IN BELGRADE

BRITAIN and Germany are expected to take the lead at the London peace talks on Yugoslavia this week in an attempt to tighten economic sanctions against Serbia, Western diplomats said yesterday.

Many companies are still supplying goods to Belgrade and crucial deliveries are being made through Macedonia and along the Danube river. Pressure will be put on Greece to block the many oil tanker trucks that are crossing into Macedonia and then driving further to Belgrade. Romania will also be urged to monitor more closely the Russian oil shipments that are passing along the Danube into Serbia. The sanction busters are resorting to simple tricks, mainly using fake enduser certificates that suggest the goods are destined for republics other than Serbia or Montenegro. Serbian tanker trucks frequently change their

licence plates to Bosnian ones and then go to a neighbouring country to pick up a load of

Belgrade-controlled companies have also set up dummy subsidiaries in Bosnia and Macedonia, neither of which is subject to the embargo that was imposed in June, to acquire petroleum products and other goods. One mea-sure that will be taken during the course of the London conference is the setting up of a European customs team to watch over all crossing points

The sanctions are, however, beginning to bite in Serbia. The country is already suffer-ing from hyper-inflation and industrial chaos. It does not take much to make matters worse. Half a million people will have to be laid off work within a month or so. A shortage of raw materials and component parts is forcing many industries to close down. According to Belgrade radio, up to 250,000 Serb workers have already been sent on compulsory leave because their firms and factories have

700,000 people are registered as unemployed. The hardest hit is Serbia's metal industry, with barely one in three em-ployees still working. In the textile and chemical industries the situation is much the same. When sanctions were imposed the Serbian govern-ment optimistically forecast that they would not last longer than two or three months. In any case, the government tried to reassure the population that the Serbian economy would be strong enough to weather

Life this winter is going to be extremely uncomfortable for Serbia," Douglas Hogg, the Foreign Office minister, said last week. This is probably correct. Petrol rationing limits motorists to about five gallons a month. The average monthwage has fallen to about £19. Medical supplies are running short, parily because medicines used to be supplied Croatia and partly because of the UN-imposed ban on imports. It is oil sanctions that are potentially most harmful, slowing down industry and almost certainly leading to the rationing of heating fuel for homes this winter.

But in other respects it is very difficult to put economic pressure on Serbia. It easily feeds itself, thanks partly to capturing the comfields of eastern Croatia, and it still exports electrical power. Moreover, the army has substantial fuel reserves. Croat economists calculate that sanctions would have to last for at least another year, and be tightly enforced, to make a lasting political, rather than personal, impact. As long as the Serbian media are tightly controlled, the Beigrade regime can encourage the opinion that the country's economic problems are solely the responsibility of a rich and cruel West. In fact, the economy is mainly suffering from chronic mismanagement, over-centralisation, tight bu-reaucratic control, widespread official corruption and a very

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Despairing appeal: Haris Silajdzic, the Bosnian foreign minister, preparing to address the press in London yesterday on the eve of the Yugoslav peace conference. He says it is time for action before there are no Bosnians left, and rejects the carving up of his republic

Bosnian Muslims find little hope | Serb extremists target in squalor that passes for home

FROM ADAM LEBOR IN KARLOVAC, CROATIA

ONCE Karlovac sports hall resounded to the cheers of team fans. But rivalry between opponents in what was Yugoslavia has since taken a murderous turn, with victories notched up by opposing ar-mies instead of sportsmen.

The battered building, which took direct hits during the Yugoslav federal army and Serb bombardment of Karlovac at the start of this year, has become home to 620 refugees. Most are Bosnian Muslims, nearly all women and children, their men returned to fight or work in Bosnia.

The building's windows have been shot out, the floor is lined with grubby mattresses and bedding and the air in the hall is stale. Beams of sunlight cut a path through the swirls of tobacco smoke. A few children play, women sit talking and in one far corner, a wizened old lady grimaces in pain as she tries to move on her mattress. She makes a pitiful sight.

For the younger refugees the hours drag endlessly. "I don't know how long we can stand it here," said Emira, cradling her 12-day-old baby Nada. "A baby has already died in this hall. But I don't complain." In some ways Emira and her husband Mustafa and son Daud are among the lucky ones. They lost everything when they left Sarajevo on foot through the woods. They do not know where their relatives are - or even whether they are alive -but they have each other. Once a market trader,

Mustafa starts to cry as he describes the family and life he left behind in Sarajevo. "Our house was blown up on the first day of the bombardment. We have lost everything. I haven't spoken to my family for three months. I just hope there will be a chance to go abroad and work and start

Home for Mustafa, his wife and children is now a few bags of belongings and a bit of floor-space. There are eight toilets that all the refugees share, and many people bathe in the nearby rivers.
"Labud", 40, a Muslim former fighter who was too

frightened to give his real name, remarked: The politicians in London should come here and see. None of them can know what is happening until they do."

Albanian peasants

FROM ROBERT SEELY IN KRAISTE

RIFAP Khodia, 34, an ethnic Albanian farmer, pointed to the bullet holes in his twostorey brick barn. His building was fired upon, he said, by a group of Serbian policemen. We have done nothing bad to anybody, I do not know why they attacked." Others in Kraiste, a Kosovo

village of peasant smallhold-ings ringed by fields of sunflowers and corn, have also been targeted by the Serb-controlled militia. Several of the villagers have been beaten and others have received regu-lar visits from the police.

The home of Yusuf Kodshot at pensioner, was also shot at by four men. "They want to exert pressure on me. My son is a member of an Albanian political party," Mr Kotrakh said.

The Albanian majority in

Kosovo could become the next target of large-scale depopulation. The province's future is to be discussed today in London. Clearly, to force out nearly two million people - 90 per cent of the Kosovo population is Albanian - would be difficult. But Kosovo is considered by most Serbs as an integral part of their geography.

The isolated incidents of

armed attacks are seen as a sign that measures to shift the populations are due. The policy was successful in Bosnia on account of Western apathy. Dozens are leaving, some heading for Albania, some for other European countries. The action is not so overt as in Bosnia, but the aim seems similar," Mr Khodia said.

Germany indicts spy chiefs

Berlin: Germany's chief prosecutor said yesterday that he had maticiped four spy bosses from the former bast Germany, including those respon-sible for Gueriter Guillaume, the agent who brought down the government of the West German Chancelor, Willy

Brandt, in 1974.
The indictments are an important legal step against the once mighty intelligence chiefs of East Berlin. However. Markus Wolf, the former chief spymaster, is still under investigation and has not been indicted.

Despite the investigations and diarges, it is still not certain whether former East German spies can be pur on trial for carrying out their orders. The German supreme court has been asked to rule on the question, but has not

Armenia plea

Yerevan: President Ter-Petrossian of Armenia requested Britain, America and Germany to put pressure on Azerbaijan to end fighting over the enclave of Nagorno-Karabakh after Azerbaijani fighters bombed two towns north of Stepanakert. (AFP)

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'Ouick' closes

Berlin: The German weekly magazine Quick, whose breezy editorial recipe made it a symbol of West Germany's renewal after the second world war, is to close this week after 43 years of publication, its owners announced. (AFP)

Five arrested

Venice: The Christian Democrat regional secretary was among five people arrested here as part of an enquiry into said. In addition, the vicepresident of Treviso province was jailed on corruption charges with two other officials (AFP)

Greeks strike

Athens: Greek transport work-ers launched a week of strikes that will involve bank, telephone, water, electricity, post. state television and Olympic Airways employees in protest against the conservative government's austerity programme. (Reuter)

Poland objects

Warsaw: Poland strongly pro-tested at a decision by German authorities to extradite to the United States four Poles charged with illegal arms trad-ing. They allegedly agreed to sell arms to American agents posing as buyers for Iraq. (AP)

Tibet protest

Hong Kong: Tiber's govern-ment-in-cole denounced China for launching what it called a "final solution" to suppress their homeland's quest for independence by embarking on the mass settlement of Chinese in their country. (Reuter)

Sex change

Moscow: Shopkeepers run-ning short of small change in the Russian port of Severomorsk have started to give their customers, particularly soldiers, condoms instead, in place of the more usual sweets or small packets of

BBC war veteran Martin Bell wounded by mortar fire in Sarajevo

MARTIN Bell, the BBC's veteran war correspondent, yesterday became the latest journalist to get caught in the crossfire while covering the war in Yugoslavia when he was wounded by monar

shrapnel in Sarajevo. Millions of television viewers saw pictures of the journalist writhing on the ground after he was hit. Bell was heard saying calmly: "Okay. I'll survive. I am alive."

Bell. 53, was taken immediately to a United Nations field hospital, where two pieces of shrapnel were removed from his stomach and groin. In a stable condition, A respected British TV correspondent has joined the lengthening list of journalist casualties of the conflict, Melinda Wittstock, our Media Correspondent, writes

Zagreb, and was expected in London early today after being flown from Zagreb in a medically equipped plane sent by the BBC. A BBC doctor and John Mahoney, the for-

eign news editor, were on the

Fighting in the former Yugoslav republics has claimed the lives of 27 journalists since ne was evacuated later by the the start of hostilities last year.

tion of Journalists said yesterday that at least three times that number had been

wounded or injured. Bell, who has covered 11 wars but had never before been injured, narrowly missed being hit as he did a live interview for BBC Breakfast

News in April. Last week an ITN camera crew, including Nigel Thorn-

son, the husband of the news-

reader Carol Barnes, and Jim Dutton, a sound recordist, were injured in a mortar attack in Sarajevo. Sebastian Rich, an ITN cameraman, recently lost the hearing in one ear after a rocket-propelled grenade hit a window frame in a room of the Sarajevo Holiday Inn and sent a glass shard through his jaw. David Chater, now ITN's royal correspondent, was shot in the back by a sniper in

Croatia last November. Tony Hall, the BBC's director of news and current affairs, said yesterday: "Martin Bell is one of the finest television reporters of his generation. He has a personal commitment to telling the story in what was Yugoslavia the Marshal Tho barracks, and is our longest-serving which is used by UN troops as journalist in that area. He is well as Muslim and Croat journalist in that area. He is meticulous in his thinking about his safety and the safety of others."

Bell, who has a reputation for never sending a crew anywhere he would not go, was appointed OBE earlier this year in the Birthday Honours but was unable to attend the investiture at Buckingham Palace because he could not get a flight from

Bell, who was wearing a flak jacket and a "lucky" white suit, had driven yesterday morning to central Sarajevo to monitor an outbreak of mortar fire and was outside

forces, when he was hit.
Colonel Mark Cook of the
10th Gurkha Battalion, who
is in Sarajevo as commander
of the British UN contingent.

was with Bell. He fold BBC1's One O'Clock News "Suddenly the mortar rounds started landing among us and I looked up and found he had been hit and was lying on the

Last night, John Major, the prime minister, wrote to Bell wishing him a speedy recovery, and to Marmaduke Hussey, the BBC chairman.



David Chater: hit by sniper fire last year

German politicans demand riot enquiry

Citizens of Rostock applaud neo-Nazis

seems wrong to see German

police protect foreigners from

The opposition Social Dem-

ocrats in Bonn have called for

an emergency session of the

Bundestag to debate what happened. The party itself is

now considering removing its

objection to changes in the

constitution that would allow

asylum-seekers from countries

such as Romania to be pre-

vented from entering the

Politicians of all parties con-demned the Rostock violence

and said it was shameful that

the rioters had been cheered

on by thousands of local people. Hans-Rolf Goebel, of

the Free Democrats, said:

"Pictures are going around the world which recall quite a

different Germany," a refer-

ence to Nazi pogroms against Jews. Norbert Blüm, the

Christian Democrat labour

minister, said: "Germany's

reputation is at stake."

Germans," he said.

of the moment among many ordinary people on Rostock's Lichtenhagen estate. Pension—

as gone up samply, to home say they are afraid to go home at night for fear of being molested. Everywhere the ers, housewives, and the unemployed all seem to think the extreme right-wing rowdies have done an excellent job over three days and nights in forcing the authorities to move out more than 200 Romanian gypsies who had been lodged in an II-storey block of flats while waiting to have their refugee status checked.

Werner Schefferling, an unemployed shipyard worker, said: "We've been trying to get them our by democratic means for months. We wrote letters to the council complaining about the terrible mess they make. We asked the police to arrest them for camping on the green. We asked for our rent to be reduced because of all the nuisance we had to endure. Nobody listened to us. And then the 'skins' came. They got them out."

He gazed balefully at Sunflower House with its yellow mural and the gutted windows



early yesterday when the police left the scene after 20 hours of sporadic battles with

in lot d

Rosa, a plump middle-aged housewife, said: "We are not racist. We don't hate foreigners. We just hate people who urinate on the stairways."

The story is the same all around from the local citizens who cheered and applauded as the skinheads fought running battles with the police and hurled abuse and stones at the Romanian gypsies in

In the supermarket nearby they complain that shoplifting

Georgians threaten onslaught

FROM BRUCE CLARK

A GEORGIAN commander has threatened to launch an onslaught today on the sepa forces unless Vladislav Ardzin ba, their leader, steps down. The threat

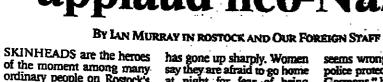
Gudauta, which has become the Abkhazian headquarters since Georgian troops entered the northwestern region of the republic in force on August 14. may be intended to preempt the arrival of volunteers from southern Russia to back the separatist cause. The ultimatum was made by Colonel Gia Karkarashvili after two soldiers were shot during an exchange of prisoners.

Thousands of fighters from the warrior races that inhabit the northern slopes of the Caucasus mountains are signing up to invade Georgia and reverse moves by Eduard Shevardnadze, the Georgian eader, to assert control over the coastal region, according to local warlords. Abkhazian fighters also claim to have killed more than 40 Georgian soldiers in two days of fighting around Sukhumi and Gagra

The Confederation Mountain Peoples of the Caucasus, a shadowy year-old alliance between the small Muslim regions in the extreme south of Russia, has declared Tbilisi, the Georgian capital, a disaster area and threatens to launch a campaign of terrorism there. A document signed by the confederation's leaders, and published in yesterday's Russian press, ordered all local chieftains in the northern Caucasus to send fighters and "repel the aggressor in Abkhazia. It said all ethnic Georgians fiving in the semi-independent regions of southern Russia forming the confederation should be viewed as hostages.

The strength of the confederation's forces is hard to assess, but its threats have caused alarm in Tbilisi. Mr Shevardnadze has said that the elections planned for October 11 may be imperilled. The threats are also causing

concern in Russia. If Moscow proves unable to stop the Muslim regions from taking military action against Geor gia, that could set an ominous redent for other regions of Russia which are straining a



complaint is that the foreigners have been forced into the community without anything being done to safeguard local In the city's market square yesterday afternoon trade unions held a rally against xenophobia. However, Hans

people just don't know what they are talking about. It's all very well for these politicians and trade unionists to criticise us but they don't live next door to them. They don't have to put up with the mess." The offices of a newspaper

that first reported that it had received an anonymous phone call from a group claiming to represent the interests of the estate's community and promising to resolve the matter were attacked yesterday. The windows were broken; police believe anarchists may be responsible and fear there could be a clash between them and the skinheads. More riot police were brought in during the afternoon to guard against

further trouble. The neo-Nazis appear to have been extremely well-organised. Only a small group of local skinheads took part in the first demonstration on Saturday evening but the publicity this attracted brought in reinforcements on the next two days from many parts of Germany. Some were using walkie-talkies to issue commands and give tips about police manoeuvres.

The local state parliament is holding an urgent enquiry into what happened amid criticism that the police failed to do their job properly. Many German politicians demanded an explanation as to why police withdrew from the hostel for around an hour, allowing gangs to storm the evacuated building and set the first floor alight. Herr Schefferling, on the other hand, is convinced they did their job only too well. "It just

Russians on road to envy

Charwomen are lusting hopelessly for Western cars, writes Mary Dejevsky

IN A northern suburb of Moscow, deep in the forest of ornamental structures that make up the old Soviet Union's defunct Exhibition of Economic Achievements, is hidden a class and concrete building that for a few brief days this week will be a temple to that very Western god, the motor car.

This is the first international motor show in Mos cow, surrounded with all the customary razzmatazz of its Western counter-parts, and exhibiting the prize models of most Western producers. It is not, however, the first motor show ever held in Russia. Strictly speaking, it is the fifth; the fourth was held in St Petersburg in 1913, and the first in 1907, and to think they are reviving a tradition and returning

Russia to the world.

Yesterday, the day be-fore the official opening. wide eyed Russian construction workers and even wider-eyed Russian cleaning ladies wandered in a dream world of blue carpets, soft Western rock music, and sleek, shiny Western cars. "If only, if only. I could have one of those just for a moment," said one of the cleaners. "But there's not a hope."

With a price of \$29,000 (£14,500) for a secondhand Mercedes, more than 60 times the average annual salary, most Russians will have to be content with looking. There will be buyers, however. individuals, joint venture companies. The number of new Mercedes and Volvos plates has increased in the from almost to several

hundred.

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Hounded out: a Romanian mother and her children being escorted by police to a bus leaving Rostock after neo-Nazi attacks forced the closure of a refugee hostel

Wife makes call for Honecker release

the former East German leader Erich Honecker, who is imprisoned in Germany's Moabit jail, launched a fervent plea in Chile for his mmediate release on legal and humanitarian grounds. Frau Honecker arrived in Chile to stay with her daughter - who married a former Chilean exile to the then East Germany — on July 31, immediately after Chilean embassy staff handed her husband over to German authorities for trial. In a packed and chaotic press conference scheduled to coincide with Herr Honecker's 80th birthday, she called on "all mem-bers of those governments

Charges of soliciting a man for sex have been withdrawn against Australian Anglican Bishop Owen Dowling. 57, a prosecutor said. Bishop Dowling denied a police allegation

who sustained political rela-

tions with my husband, and

all those people ... who think

and feel in a humanistic

fashion, to demand his free-

dom, without limitations".

tion at a park in Bendigo, a town in the state of Victoria. The bishop retires at the end

Romania has asked Hungary to extradite the former communist security police boss Alexandru Draghici, 76, to stand trial on death charges, the justice minister, Mircea Ionescu-Quintus. said.

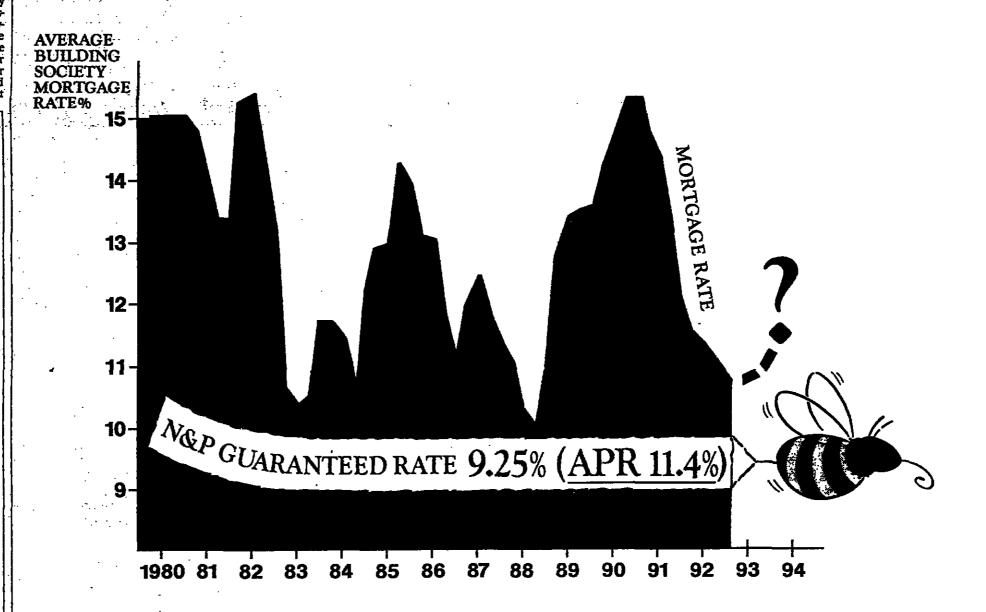
John Mario Paul, 25, a Haitian journalist who was imprisoned and tortured by the country's military rulers, has won a 1992 "Freedom to Write Award" from Pen, the worldwide writers' association, in New York. The award was presented to him by Marianne Wiggins, the American novelist and former wife of Salman Rushdie, the British author in hiding after Iranian death threats.

Abbas Hamadi. 32, one of two Lebanese brothers jailed in Germany on terrorism charges, may be freed by

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Texts for bad times

Michael Wright on

a thrifty trend to bargain paperbacks

ust now times may be hard, but they ust now times may be hard, but they are not half so hard as they were in 1935 when Allen Lane launched his pioneering series of Penguin paperbacks. People do not buy books in recessions. Oh, they browse, they re-read, they borrow. But they rarely part with the spondulicks; not unless the book is dirt cheap. And Penguins, at a mere signence cheap. And Penguins, at a mere sixpence each. were just that. They were

Now comes another recession, and with it another revolution. This time it is classic fiction at a quid a throw. In other words, A Christmas Carol is cheaper than most greetings cards and Joyce's Dubliners will set you back less than a pint of Guinness. Last year Dover began to bring out its Thrift editions for a dollar apiece (95p in Britain), and last month Wordsworth Classics started churning out heftier tomes for just a pound. It is not as if paperback classics were inaccessibly expensive before. On the contrary, the reader has been well served by the likes of Penguin Classics, World's Classics, and Everyman Paperbacks, which between them offer an eclectic range of titles that no bucket-shop publisher relying on massive print-runs could hope to match.

hese big boys are battling it out for domination of a growing student market, relying on the heavy artillery of their erudite introductions and the small-arms fire of their "Notes on the Text". But when it comes to "soft classics" - your Jane Austens, your Hardys and your Brontes — the pound a-time people are beginning mop up, offering texts that are no more or less reliable than those of their competitors, at a fraction of the cost, and without all the critical material.

All too often, the introductions, notes and bibliographies offered in paperback classics do more harm than good.
alienating the general reader with a
musty-dusty whiff of academe, holding
out a false sense of "this is all ye need to
know" security to the A-level nail-biter,
while falling short of the depth required
by the serious student by the serious student.

As Paul Keegan, editorial director of Penguin Classics, puts it, "We've become over-protective, applying a kind of National Trust conservationism to the classics which can often seem ridiculous. Classics publishing has become set in certain ritualistic procedures which don't necessarily bear any relation to anything. Most people start reading a book, and if they like it, they'll read it. They don't need contextualisation, they don't need to be led by the hand. I think there is no need for introductions at all. And notes are uniformly done badly."

uch honesty is reassuring after listening to the adamantine certainties of other editorial directors. the critical baggage shovelled out for them. They dismiss the possibility of the new super-cheap editions posing much threat to their market share. "Our proper editions won't try to compete with theirs." declares Hilary Laurie at Everyman. "And do booksellers want to sell books for a pound?"

David Taylor, buying and marketing manager for Blackwell's, clearly does. "As far as we're concerned, anything that makes people buy and read more books has got to be a good thing." The sales figures for Wordsworth Classics are certainly convincing, with more than fast. In Yorkshire, for instance, 4,000 copies of Wuthering Heights went in two days. That's not bad going for a book that has already been on the market for 145 years.

As peace talks begin in London, two writers ask if there is hope of the West finding a solution

No end to a Balkan disaster

grand events. The food is usually excellent (the menus from Versailles in conversation is rarely boring. The London talks on the future of Yugoslavia should therefore have made for an interesting spectacle. as butchers, victims and diplomats sit down at the same table. But the likelihood is that it will be merely a series of poorly digested dinners and tantrums rather than deals.

The reason is that peace conferences should occur at the end of war, at a point of exhaustion and surrender. This one is being staged in the thick of war, and some of the participants have barely had time to put on a clean shirt. The Serbs are smug, having captured 70 per cent of Bosnia. The Croats still consider themselves in a state of war; they too have grabbed Bosnian land and are planning ways to retake the territory they lost to Serbia last year. The Bosnian Muslims have launched a counter offensive and are searching the arms bazaars of the Arab world for new weapons. This is hardly a basis for peace: more of a half-time break.

The optimists say that since Serbia's appetite has been sated, it will now stop fighting. Since Serbian aggression started the war, there is now scope for ending it: the UN can be installed to keep the guns silent and protect minorities.

eace conferences are The Muslims can be persuaded to grand events. The food use diplomacy to regain some of their lost territory.

The pessimists argue that the London conference is doorned to legitimise the carve-up of Bosnia Herzegovina, that there is no other formula than "land for peace". Such a peace, however, would be illusory and would merely fuel further war. The Muslim fighters are moving into high gear: they are being robbed not only of land, but of their state. And even if the guns were to fall silent, Serbia would soon face a fresh war

against the Albanians of Kosovo.

This is what the pessimists say, and they have already been proved right several times during this war. That does not mean a thirty years' war is inevitable, but it is important to listen to the pessimists and draw quick conclusions.
Again and again European and UN diplomacy has been wrongfooted by events in the Balkans. Should we have recognised Croatia and Slovenia more quickly? Should we have recognised them separately, forcing Zagreb first to make concessions to the Serb minority? Almost every step taken by the West has come too late. Sanctions were imposed on Serbia after giving it three months or more to build up stocks. Western military intervention was not threatened in April - when it might have stopped the Serbian advance in Bosnia — but is

Arming Bosnia may prolong the war but produce a just outcome

suggested now, in August, when the Serbs have already snatched what they want. There is no point in attacking now unless as part of a full-scale war against Serbia. With all three parties - Serbia,

Croatia and Bosnia — on a war footing, diplomacy is condemned to failure. There are some useful humanitarian tasks to accomplish. such as feeding and sheltering the two million refugees during the winter, and the conference will score a limited success if it can win a measure of protection for these hapless victims, but the best the diplomats can hope to do at the moment is to ameliorate the symptoms of war, and to lower the level of violence by a UN presence.

The UN has not been very successful in Croatia — where it "protects" three disputed regions
— and is even less useful in Bosnia.

Far from welcoming the blue hel-mets, the residents of Sarajevo are profoundly angry with them. The popular perception is that they squat in their white armoured vehicles and do nothing when ten yards away a sniper shoots down yet another housewife.

n expanded UN trusteeship taking over the whole of Bosnia might iust work, but by the time it was established, financed and authorised by the world community, the Serbs might well have com-pleted their ethnic cleansing and carried the war elsewhere.

The great advantage of a UN solution" to the Bosnian war is that everybody could promptly forget about the Balkans, shifting their attention again to Maas-tricht, and grumble when the UN bill arrived. The UN option, however, is a substitute for real political decisions. Indeed some Croats call it "the aspirin solution", little more than a cure for a headache. The choice for the West is plain: do we allow Bosnia Herzegovina to be chopped up, in the hope that this will keep the Serbs and the Croats quiet or do we help Bosnia to regain its state, which has after all been recog-nised by the European Community and the United States? The morally correct decision is obvious, but nobody in the West has a taste for war on behalf of Bosnia.

Yet there is another possibility: to supply weapons and instructors quickly to Bosnia. Both Britain and America have expressed qualms about this, arguing that there are already too many weapons in the region. But the point is to give Bosnia the opportunity to fight for itself. The UN arms embargo currently bars any such deliveries. A decision to re-arm Bosnia, as Lady Thatcher has suggested, would be a gamble

needing firm leadership and no Arming Bosnia would certainly prolong the war, but it would also increase the chances of a just conclusion and demonstrate that

the West will resist all attempts to change frontiers by force. And since it would save our soldiers, it would satisfy those who are presently arguing that we should forget the Balkans. Arming the Bosnians, say diplomats, is "con-troversial", but it is no more so than the sub rosa financing. training and arming of the Muslim rebels in Afghanistan. President Alija Izetbegovic will

be asking for guns at the London talks. If the West turns him down he will certainly turn to Iran and other Middle Eastern states. The West must tell the Serbian leadership that unless ethnic cleansing ends immediately, it will supply weapons to Bosnia. This may not sound like the conciliatory phraseology of a peace conference, but the fact is that there is no peace. The war rages on and the time has come to take sides. There is already blood on the tablectoth.

ROGER BOYES



Peace has no chance: Serbian aggression as seen by Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung

he Western delegates at today's international peace conference on the Yugoslav crisis have an unenviable task. After a succession of broken ceasefires, ineffective EC troikas and inconclusive conferences under the chairmanship of Lord Carrington, not to mention thousands of dead and hundreds of thousands "ethnically clean-sed", few can be optimistic that the conference will do anything to reconcile the bitter opponents in the Balkan war. So far, calling the conference has exacerbated the

Will the West

dare to fight?

Without a clear strategy, pious

censure of Serbia means nothing

consolidate into a fait accompli what they have conquered and "deansed", and pushing the Bosnian government into a counterattack to give credence to its claims to represent a viable entity. The Yugoslav participants may be forgiven for wondering what it is that their hosts want from them.

Western leaders such as George Bush and John Major have deplored the violence in Yugoslavia, but they have wavered over what they consider to be a solution and what they might contribute to it. At first, America and the European Community seemed united in opposing Slovene and Croatian secession from Yugoslavia. In the distant days of June and July 1991, the decaying Soviet colossus still struggled to preserve its unity and President Bush did not want to precipitate its collapse by en-

dorsing Balkan disintegration.

Mr Bush's foreign policy has been underpinned by a doctrine committing the West to uphold the status quo. Hence he was not prepared to see Iraq disappear from the map, even though he had fought to restore Kuwait. But the Yugoslav crisis has thwarted his conservative instincts. Greater Serbia is as much a novelty as poor Bosnia, and a great deal more destabilising. Saddam Hussein's Order was that of the classic tyrant conqueror, while Slobodan Milosevic is the model of a postcommunist threat: he has demonstrated to the unhappy nomenklatura around the globe how to survive the collapse of communism and prosper.

Much is made of how confusing the successive wars have been in the Balkans: it is difficult to know whose side we should be on, and easy for us to forget after the next divisions of the Cold War that this state of confusion usually reigned in the past, not least in the 1930s. Aggressors rarely lack for argu-

ments to support their actions. Western diplomats have always been on hand to retail them to their governments, and the victim

of aggression is rarely self-evident-1939, but it certainly was by comparison with Nazi Germany. In 1935, was it not possible that Haile Selassie's half-naked tribesmen had provoked Mussolini's tanks and bombers?

Even in 1938, voices were raised about the boorish behaviour of the Czechs towards the Sudeten Germans, who in any case had a "democratic" right to join up with Nazi Germany if that is what they wanted. Sixty years ago, conferences were held and the League of Nations passed resolutions imposing arms embargoes on both aggressor and victim. Aggressors, however, always find friends, anxious to curry favour and deflect their ambitions, and willing to help bypass sanctions.

Today's sanctions-breakers are been allowed to build up as much saintly. Poland was not a haven motivated partly by profit and momentum as the current Balkan Milosevic, but also by fear of what the Serbian army might do next. They have seen the ease with which a few gunmen and their spokesmen can create a minorityrights issue out of a peaceable group of neighbours.

The siren voices who urge inaction on the West and base their case on an appeal to Balkan history have added to the confu-sion: they talk glibly of age-old tribal wars and recall with approval the days when the jingoes in this country sided with the Sultan's bashi-bazooks in the 1870s and were prepared to fight for the Ottoman Empire. No policy of active involvement

in a war is without great risk. particularly when the war has

shambles in Bosnia invites further trouble, and not just in the Balkans. Unlike the decaying Ottoman Empire of a century ago, which could still deal cruelly with its subjects but did not threaten its neighbours. Serbia's rulers and the nationalist passions they have stoked up and directed are hardly likely to be sated by success. Those in the Foreign Office who hope that Mr Milosevic will calm down now he has most of what he wants are naive. His regime depends for its survival on finding new enemies to justify its existence and to silence internal opposition.

Throughout the world, not least in the former Soviet Union, the West's passivity in the face of Serbian conquests has been

watched with astonishment. The West's toleration of such violence on the very borders of the EC does not encourage faith in its commit-ment to the authority of international law further afield.

For 18 months, President Bush has dithered about whether Iraq's

survival as a state is more imporsurvival as a state is more impor-tant than toppling Saddam Hus-sein's regime, complete with its ethnic cleansing programme. The uncertainty that has marked West-ern policy in dealing with the collapse of Yugoslavia, and its unwillingness to bring to bear its unwillingness to bring to bear its overwhelming power to impose a solution puts temptation in the path of others faced by challenges to their power and privileges from ethnically divided populations.

ad today's conference been for Nato and its Pacific-rim allies alone, it might have been much more useful. They out what they wish to achieve, not only in Yugoslavia but throughout the world, and should agree a programme and on how to share

out the costs in money and blood. Until the West is ready for action, pious denunciations of ethnic cleansing or military aggression will mean nothing. Until the West has worked out its aims and a clear strategy to achieve them, peace conferences will be an expensive diversion, providing merely a comfortable vantage point from which to watch the business of war and conquest.

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...and moreover

To gentlemen in England now abed, the nub of this may well have given a terminal shake to the foundations of the House of Windsor, but let me tell them that, up here at the shellshocked Rivieran front, many another hitherto sturdy edifice is wincing as its bright stucco cracks and the Provençal tiles slide from its roof. For this time, it is we out here who think ourselves accurs'd, especially if we do not hold our manhoods chean. Or, indeed, hold them at all.

Now, my own current premises lie just a few miles along the azure coast from, if I may be permitted to switch Elizabethans, those topless towers where sweet Fergie was recently making herself immortal with a kiss, and while they may not be quite as swish as those which attracted the attention of the Daily Mirror's property correspondent, they do boast a delightful swimming pool sur-rounded by comfy loungers which — though a brace of fleshy rompers might find themselves sinking slowly groundwards to the accompaniment of a somewhat unromantic hiss - are more than adequate for the solo sunbather. Furthermore, the spot is secluded by oleander and bougainvilles, and the nearest houses lie half a mile away, across the valley.

And now, a word or two about breakfast. Every morning, exemplary host that I am, I leap up as the first cicada salutes the rising

to buy croissants for the stillsnoring household. English guests all, they cry that that is one of the great things about France, mmm, fresh croissants, mmm, delicious...they then nibble a corner, scattering the rest into a thousand flakes which float down so that a million waiting ants, having formed fours in the garden in anticipation of a scent on the breeze, may begin marching into the house with the unnerving precision of the Waffen SS, thereby giving me the opportunity to spend much of the rest of the day fruitfully engaged with aerosol and dustpan instead of frittering it away

sun, and run down to the viliage

I do not mind this at all, because of the two joyous bonus-es which go with croissantfetching. The first is that I am carly enough to get my hands on one of the handful of English newspapers which dawn brings to our local shop, and the second is that I can get back home in time not only to have my morning swim but thereafter to dry off on a floating li-lo, reading the paper before the mob have had the chance to reduce it to a tattered wodge made illegible by a combination of sun-oil and the dismembered parts of large swatted things which seem always to have their clogs popped in the middle of particularly crucial

paragraphs. And moreover, the most exquisite element of all is that the swim is nude. I do not intend to bang on anent the components of that exquisiteness, but I would

itst say that it is not exclusively sensual: pottering naked through dawn-dappled water not only touch with darting lizard and rising lark, it allows him an atavistic glimpse of that brief pre-lapsarian time before the snake slithered down the tree and brought bathing trunks into

At least, it did until last Monday. Last Monday. I hurried home with croissants and The hurled myself into the pool, and duly emerged to lie supine on the air bed and relish the news from home. And where would the expatriate first turn for this but to the "News Review" section? And where but there would he see two photographs demon-strating what may be done with what the caption described as an 800mm lens with a 2x converter?

And what would he do then? He would immediately put The Sunday Times to a use for which it was not primarily de-signed. For by turning his head a fraction, he could see the hilltop houses half a mile away. and suddenly half a mile was a very short distance indeed. And who could say where Daniel Angeli might be today, telephoto in one hand, cellphone in the other? I cannot of course estimate my value, my line to the throne is somewhat tenuous, but every man has his price, and who can be sure that a great professional like Signor Angeli would turn his nose up at ten bob from the Cricklewood Weekly

Corridors of embarrassment

EVEN before John Major and Boutros Boutros Ghali open to-day's Yugoslavian peace talks. there is an ominous possibility that the leaders of the warring factions will have already had their first

falling out. The Foreign Office has left each delegation to make its own accommodation arrangements, raising the distinct possibility that those seeking to exterminate each other back in the Balkans could find themselves in neighbouring hotel

rooms in London.

Many of the delegations are staying at the Carlton Tower Hotel, the most popular venue during Lord Carrington's London peace talks last month. Then there were some difficult moments as leaders not officially on speaking terms kept bumping into each other in the hotel lifts.

Dr Radovan Karadzic, the leader of the Bosnian Serbs, is not taking that chance, and has booked into the Langham Hilton instead. "Being more publicity conscious than most, I suspect that decision is motivated by the fact the BBC studios are only a two minute walk away," said one candid aide. Karadzic has only observer status at the conference, but still plans to get his message across. From the comfort of his specially equipped £2 million Lear jet, complete with its new state of the art communications centre, he had faxed a personal letter to all 650 British

MPs, even before landing. Yet despite the public posturing and the bloodshed back home, the leaders of the warring factions appear to get on much better privately than they are prepared to let on Last time around. Mate Boban, the Croat former supermar-



ket manager who has proclaimed western Herzegovina as the independent state of Herceg-Bosna, met with his arch enemies Milan Panic (prime minister of the rump of Yugoslavia) and Karadzic at the Savoy. Panic asked: "How can I stop these thugs running around Bosnia and Herzegovina?" Boban responded: "You can start by arresting all of us." The three chuckled and ordered drinks all

 One who is taking a keen interest in the Yugoslav peace talks from his Scottish estate near Nairn is Lord Campbell of Croy. His Nachbar in Not (Neighbour in Need) scheme was highlighted in this column recently and has so far raised £15,000 for refugees fleeing to Austria from the Balkans. "The money raised is largely due to the kindness of readers of The Times," he says. "We are most grateful".

Chain mail

MILITARY strategy, superior technology and good luck are probably required in equal measure to win a war, and Whitehall's top brass is taking no chances. For more than three months, a chain letter has been circulating in the ministry of defence demanding that recipients forward it to five friends if they wishes to remain healthy and yet dared to break the chain. Among those who have signed the letter and sent it on on are General Sir Peter de la Billière, Air Chief Marshal Sir Patrick Hine, Air Marshal Sir William Wratten, Brigadier Jeremy Phipps and Alan Thomas, head of defence export services. Most have appended short messages along the line of "I don't believe this superstitious nonsense

One participant, who must remain anonymous, wrote: "I pass this on in the divine belief that my luck will be blonde."

By the end of last month, the letter had begun circulating in the Northern Ireland Office, although it has not yet reached Downing Street or the Treasury. Perhaps someone had better add them to the chain double quick

Republic of letters

DIANA said: "Poor Charles." Fitzroy said: "Yeah, you must be lonely without him, I expect?" Their eyes met for a split second, but it was long enough for them both to know that Diana was not going to be too lonely. There would be compensations. Diana blossomed...

No. not another mystery royal tape, but a passage from Sue Townsend's latest novel, The Queen and I, a timely tale of the downfall of the House of Windsor, due to be published next month. In the book, the nation turns against the royal family who are stripped of their stately homes and rehoused in a couple of two-bedroomed council bouses in the Midlands. The Queen Mother is allocated a pensioner's bungalow while Charles ends up in prison charged with affray and assaulting a police officer.

Unsuprisingly, perhaps, Townsend is lying low, but her agent, Robert Kirby, yesterday Unsuprisingly, wealthy. No one, it seems, has said: "There was no intention for

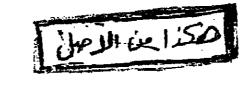
the book to coincide with the royal scandals. It is a happy accident." Kirby insists the book is "a bit of # fun", and while other writers might have had trouble, "everyone knows Sue's style from the Adrian Mole

Yet already the book, and in particular the passage describing the demise of the Queen Mother and her deathbed confession that she never wanted to marry George VI. have failed to arouse at least one patriotic fellow author. Dame Barbara Cardand says: "I think it is appalling. It is so degrading and so wrong. It is low and common and vulgar. If we are not careful we will not have a monarchy at all. Then we would have someone like George Bush every five years, and i couldn't bear that."

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■ The ultimate recession handbook is published in the United States next month: Sell Yourself to Science - The Complete Guide to Selling Your Organs, Body Fluids, Bodily Functions and Being a Human Guinea Pig. There was a time when such practices were restricted to Third World countries. Bill Clinton will surely be asking whether George Bush's America has really stooped so low.



ECHOES OF NAZISM

Any German should be deeply ashamed of the attacks by 1,000 neo-Nazi skinheads on a hostel for Romanian Gypsy refugees in the former East German town of Rostock. The. racist violence, the chanting of "Germany for the Germans" and the cheering by onlookers are reminiscent of the anti-semitic frenzy of the Hitler days. Gypsies were also racial victims of the Holocaust.

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More shocking still is tolerance verging on support for the demonstrators by the local authorities. Their suggestion that the uncontrolled influx of foreigners had "released aggression in their German neighbours" evokes the worst encouragement of fanaticism. As shocked German ministers now admit, Germany's postwar reputation for liberal hospitality is at stake and action is urgently needed to protect it.

The incident, the worst in a series of ugly attempts to intimidate asylum-seekers. underlines the need both to limit the flood of new asylu n-seekers and to protect those now in Germany. Last year there were 990 attacks on foreign refugees, including the fire-bombing of Third World hostels, murders and assaults. This was three times the total in 1990. The number of new refugees has grown from 250,000 to 400,000 a year, and may soon top half a million.

The growth of racism has been shown in the rise of the far right. Anti-immigration parties are now represented in three of Germany's 16 states. There are 38,000 members of groups devoted to the memory of Hitler. The Office for the Protection of the Constitution says the far right is now a greater threat than the Red Army Faction and the extreme left.

Racism is a scapegoat for economic hardship that needs little encouragement. Most attacks have occurred in former East Germany, where unification has brought soaring unemployment, social malaise and anguish over the future. In Rostock unemployment is running at 17 per cent. Unlike West Germany, the former comensure the right lessons were drawn from the

Nazi period.

Helmut Kohl's government has long said that Germany's excessively liberal asylum laws were leading to social unrest that would be ever harder to control. He proposed a change in the constitution that would set tougher criteria for entry and thus discourage the wave of economic refugees who make for Gennany from all over eastern Europe because they know it is the easiest European country to enter. The Social Democrats refused to cooperate, denying the government the two-thirds majority needed for a constitutional change. Some may have been playing politics; most were acting in good faith, believing that Germany, because of its past, has a special duty to show

The chancellor therefore proposed an acceleration of the processing of refugees, partly to get them out of the hostels that have become targets, partly to stop them remaining indefinitely, having avoided early evic-tion. He also wanted the European Community to take responsibility for a common immigration policy, to enable him to change the constitution by pleading international necessity against the social democrats.

The SPD has now conceded that its present stance is hurting the refugees and damaging German tolerance. The chances of tightening the laws in the wake of the recent attacks look brighter than before. Some 86 per cent of Germans questioned in a recent poll express abhorrence of racist attacks, but this is clearly not enough to encourage the authorities to confront the skinheads who carry them out.

Germany's neighbours cannot cast stones. They do not have half a million people of widely differing cultural backgrounds pouring in each year. But with up to two million victims of the ethnic cleansers of Bosnia soon looking for foreign refuge. Germany can no longer be the open haven of the past quarter century. The country has clearly reached the munist government not only pretended that racism did not exist, but it did nothing to limits of its tolerance. Here is a good cause

LIFE ASSURANCE RACKET

A doctor who prescribed useless drugs because he was bribed by the drug company would deserve to be struck off. Yet in the investment of life savings, an area as vital to happiness as health, bad advice is all too common and rarely goes punished.

Today The Times reports on the problems of people being sold certain life assurance policies. They are charged such high fees and commissions that if they surrender them early, they lose most or all of their money. They are sold policies that are often quite commissions the insurance companies pay.

Even independent financial advisers, who are supposed to have the best interests of their customers at heart, are often reluctant to advise them to leave their money on deposit in a bank or building society. They are more likely to recommend one of the many insurance-linked savings schemes in order to earn themselves commission.

The position of tied agents is even more pernicious. They can sell only the savings products of one company. A customer soliciting their advice will inevitably be pushed towards one product, which may be less attractive and more expensive than others on the market and totally unsuitable to the customer's circumstances. In a survey last year, the Securities and Investments Board found that between a quarter and third of life assurance holders terminated their policies

within two years of signing up. Because commission and fees are charged almost entirely at the beginning of the policy. people who surrender early lose almost all the money they have paid in. The salesmen themselves are paid most of their commission when the policy is first signed, so they have little financial incentive to ensure

that the product suits the client. Since the new regime of self-regulation was introduced in 1988, the opposite of what was intended has happened. Competition

has fallen, commissions have risen and value for money is worse. Independent financial advisers have found it more lucrative to become tied agents. Their market share was 47 per cent in 1989; it dropped to 38 per cent in 1990 and most people expect it to stabilise at around 25 per cent.

Commissions are now between a quarter. and a half as large again as the old maximum commission that was abolished. It is still hard for consumers to discover exactly how much commission they will be greed. The ideal solution would be for them to pay a standard fee for independent advice. Advisers would then be in the same position as an accountant, a lawyer or a doctor: beholden to no one and with only the interests of the client at heart.

The British balk at paying for financial advice, even though they already do so in the form of commission, which is disguised. Transparency is what is needed. Regulators should force companies to disclose their commissions and should then publish league tables of commission charges and of performance. They should also publish the policy termination rates of different companies.

Unfortunately, the regulators show no sign of introducing the sort of firmer regulation that would encourage transparency and competition. Because the industry polices itself, this is not surprising. SIB and Lautro (the life assurance regulator) have proposed revised rules for the selling of life assurance, which are presently being considered by the Office of Fair Trading. But they simply tinker with a system of self-regulation which, because of its conflicts of interest, cannot work in the best interests of the consumer.

The OFT should reject the proposals and suggest instead that the Treasury introduce far tougher regulation, in which the public interest is preferred to that of the commission-earner and in which the hard-won savings of ordinary people cannot be abused.

FUNDING FESTIVALS

A fascinating conundrum is supplied by today's report of the Policy Studies Institute into arts festivals. It found that they were booming. Scarcely a city or town in Britain does not boast a festival. The number has doubled since 1980 to 527, with a total turnover of over £40 million. They are now important tourism draws, so much so that organisers are becoming concerned at the proliferation of the competition. Audiences are rising, visitors are enthusiastic, and voluntary support from both artists and

organisers continues to be forthcoming. Festivals are not merely vehicles for local talent with safe programmes. The researchers found that a third of the festivals commission new work. Many, from Edinburgh and Aldeburgh to the most modest local arts weekend, are of real artistic distinction. Most make use of both professional and amateur artists and all are a lively focus of community activity. The arts festival may be easy to satirise, but it suggests a British grassroots renaissance, the arts on display at the point of sale, culture at its most customer-friendly.

Yet respondents to the PSI survey, rather than glory in their public success, bemoan their lack of public subsidy. The organisers demand more financial support from central and local government. Half the festivals report themselves to be in deficit. They welcome their current expansion but appear to feel that the state, rather than booming audiences, should finance their continued

growth. Are they justified in their demand? The question of how much arts subsidy should be spent on activity outside London is an eternally delicate one. Those who have

asked it, as did the Arts Council in the 1980s. were excoriated. No arts minister, certainly not the present one, will want the odium of asking it again, let alone answering it in favour of the provinces and their arts festivals. The big London institutions take the lion's share of subsidy; thus it has been ordained by Whitehall and thus it will remain. The glory of the festivals is that, despite the

perils of recession, they need not involve themselves in the subsidy debate. It is the fact that they have been demand-led that has clearly underpinned their success in the 1980s. Their programmes must reflect what their audiences - and to an extent their participants - want. Their venues, a constant source of worry to them, are likely to be whatever is available locally: churches, schools, warehouses, even tents on the common, not expensive purpose-built halls. As the report says, a festival is meant to "attract sections of the population that other arts promoters have failed to reach." For this reason, many are moving away from the traditional fare of classical music.

The excitement of a local festival lies in its freedom, in its scope to do the unexpected and if it fails, to fail cheaply. The hundreds of thousands who attend such festivals each year may be more deserving recipients of the Arts Council's support than the big London companies. But as with amateur art, another flourishing but subsidy-deprived field of the arts in Britain, it is more likely that festivals flourish because of the absence of public subsidy than because of its presence. At the very least the arts minister should give them a generous pat on the back.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Whose hand on the economy?

From Mr David Howell, MP for Guildford (Conservative)

Sir. If any more proof were needed. recent events surely confirm beyond doubt the case for an independent

monetary authority in Britain.

As your shrewd editorial ("Crisis? What crisis?". August 24) observes, there is no sterling crisis. Yet something approaching a lynch mob has been gathering against the Char-cellor for even daring to consider higher interest rates as a short-term response to a short-term problem with origins elsewhere in the international financial system.

How much more sensible it would

be if the lead was taken on monetary adjustment problems of this sort not by Treasury ministers but by a strong Bank of England, acting as the

central monetary authority.

We would then be rid of the notion that monetary policy can be pushed this way and that by political voices or axe-grinding professors. That would surely be much fairer on the Chancellor and much better for sterling's reputation.

Yours faithfully. DAVID HOWELL, House of Commons.

From Mr Leolin Price, QC Sir. Either the exchange-rate mechanism is not working or it is working

The Bundesbank understandably in its role as Germany's central bank, is concerned to act in what it perceives as Germany's interests. Distinguished economists tell us that the present exchange-rate troubles amount to a crisis centred in Germany; but, even if the German government were to suggest to the Bundesbank that there is urgent need for policy changes affecting monetary policy and the deutschmark, the Bundesbank's vaunted independence would permit it to reject every such suggestion. The lessons are: first, that ERM is

a strainjacket from which we must escape: secondly, that a central bank's independence is unacceptably dangerous. The creation of a constitutionally irresponsible body with such power should commend itself only to arrogant elitists who instinctively favour giving power to clever bureaucrats.

LEOLIN PRICE. 10 Old Square, Lincoln's Inn. WC2. August 25.

Sir, In the 1980s, when Nigel Lawson was Chancellor of the Exchequer, it was fashionable for government to say that the current account of the balance of payments

doesn't matter and there is nothing special about manufacturing industry compared to service activities. Those of us who argued otherwise were regarded as economic dinosaurs, out of touch with current thinking. Now, with the currency increasingly fragile, manufacturing in-dustry continuing its relentless

decline and the balance of payments still in massive deficit despite two years of negative growth, would any of the trendy economists and politicians of the 1980s still care to argue that the balance of payments and manufacturing industry should be matters of benign neglect? If we had a thriving manufac-

turing sector contributing to export growth and import substitution. sterling could sit perfectly happily within the current fixed bands of the exchange-rate mechanism, without the need for high interest rates to defend its value and recession would be avoidable.

There is no easy short-term sol-ution to Britain's chronic economic malaise (not even devaluation), but more telling and worrying, no longterm solution either without an economic strategy designed to improve the performance of the tradible-goods sector of the economy.

The lack of such a strategy has been the major failing of British economic policy for the last 40 years. exacerbated in the 1980s by government abrogation of virtually any responsibility for the real economy. Yours sincerely

A. P. THIRLWALL, University of Kent at Canterbury. Keynes College. Canterbury, Kent. August 25.

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Role of Muslim women From the Iman of the London

Mosque Sir, Matthew Parris's article, "Still the world's outcasts" (August 10). failed to appreciate the fact that all that is done in the name of Islam is not Islam.

True Islam is that which is mentioned in the Holy Koran and explained in the noble traditions of the Holy Founder. Anything not substantiated by these is not Islam. All examples quoted by Matthew Parris in his article fall into this

Real Islam is the true benefactor of all human beings, women and men

purify if in the pouring miced by Vanghan Williams's rehearsal. He had every note

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Yours etc A. M. RASHED, Imam. The London Mosque, 16-20 Gressenhall Road, SW18. August 25.

Evaluation of A-level results and increasing exams' scope school A-level performers. Any such "comparative" table levels would give a similar maximum

needs to compare like with like. For

the purpose of university admission.

Ucca (Universities Central Council

on Admissions) calculates the score

for no more than three A-level passes.

Thus, assigning ten points to an A

From the Chairman of the Headmusters' Conference

Sir. Your leader on the implications of the A-level results ("A-Level rat race". August 20), fails to address the central issues raised by the low takeup of the AS examination. This is due not to a rejection of "breadth" on the part of schools but to the impracticality of the whole AS sys-

It is only really suited to very able candidates, and it is too expensive to staff. The forecast made not only by HMC, but by other teaching associations in both the maintained and the independent sectors, that candidates would vote with their feet, has turned out to be wholly accurate. Your leader concludes that the

government need look no further than to the broadening solutions proposed by Professor Gordon Higginson. This is too simplistic an approach. Since the rejection of the Higginson proposals, a great deal of constructive work has gone into the preparation of alternative proposals which would both preserve what is best in A levels and yet provide a broader "intermediate" course which would be really suitable for a

wide range of ability.

The same could be said of the extensive work being done on vocational (rather than academic) routes to higher education. Furthermore, it would be strange if any future proposal were to overlook the strik-ing recommendations made by the Howie committee in Scotland.

These represent a serious attempt to build bridges between the "British" tradition and those of other European countries, and were based on more detailed and open research than that which preceded both the introduction of AS levels and the armchair thinking which lies behind

Yours faithfully, DOMINIC MILROY OSB. Ampleforth College, York. August 20.

From Professor P. D. J. Weitzman Sir, Your table (August 21), "Sixty of the best state schools", implies a rank order of A-level achievement, though one seriously hopes it will not be misconstrued as the 60 best state

From Ms Marjorie Thompson and

Sir, The policy agreed by the UK

government (report, August 19) to supply military expertise to UN convoys in Yugoslavia but to refrain from direct military intervention is

the only realistic and practical policy

armament commends this initiative.

We think that all parties in the

conflict should implement an im-

mediate ceasefire, open up the deten-

tion camps to international inspect-

ion and management, ensure that

refugees and captives are treated in

accordance with the Geneva conven-

tion, and ban the import of all arms

The British government should

reconvene Parliament so that this

urgent and grave matter can be

We urge this week's peace con-

ference in London to commit itself to

strengthening the work of the Inter-national Red Cross and the UN

agencies which are involved in the

region. These organisations should

be allowed to operate without hin-

The CSCE (Conference on Sec-

urity and Co-operation in Europe), in

acting as a regional organisation of the United Nations, surely provides

the best framework to achieve these

ference success in their efforts to

We wish all parties in the con-

The Campaign for Nuclear Dis-

Balkan crisis and

peace talks

in the circumstances.

into the affected region.

discussed thoroughly.

drance.

grade, the maximum possible score The school to emerge top in your able was quoted as having an Ucca score average of 28, but I suspect that this is not calculated on a three A-level basis. If there were 89

candidates and the overall pass rate was 94 per cent, a simple calculation shows that almost every A-level pass would have to be at grade A. While this is theoretically possible, any report of a school whose A-level candidates either scored A grades or failed is highly suspect.

What is probably the case is that your average scores include can-didates with four or more A levels. Additionally, passes at AS level have been incorporated as "extra points" not how Ucca determines scores.

Unless average scores relate to a fixed, defined basis across all schools. the value of any apparent ranking order is undermined. While not disputing the achievements of the "top" schools, your comparative data may be misleading.

Yours faithfully, DAVID WEITZMAN (Assistant Director). Cardiff Institute of Higher Education. Llandaff Centre, Western Avenue, Cardiff.

From Mr D. E. P. Hughes Sir, As well as being expensive to timetable, AS levels are not well known in higher education. Most important, two AS levels are more demanding than a single A level. An AS is not half an A level; it is more

like two thirds. The additional burden of tackling two AS rather than one A level should be recognised by increasing

then be equivalent to a single grade A at A level. One A level and three AS

the points score. I suggest that instead of the present 5.4.3.2.1 scale for A.B.C.D.E grades at AS level, the grades should be worth 7,5,4,3,2. Two grade Bs at AS level would

achieve a lasting peace and an end to the dreadful human suffering.

Sincerely, M. THOMPSON (Chairman), MARY BRENNAN. JANE TRAVERS, JANET BLOOMFIELD, McMASTER (Vice-Chairmen) Campaign for Nuclear 162 Holloway Road, N7. August 25.

From Professor Emeritus Sir Karl Popper, CH, FRS

Sir. It is right to resist Serbian aggression (especially nationalistic aggression linked to communist aggression). It is also clear that it is next to hopeless to try to get order into such chaos as exists in the former Yugoslavia, since ground troops would not be able to distinguish in many cases between friend and foe, or aggressor and victim.

In this situation it seems that the best thing to do is to use the West's tremendous superiority in the air and on the sea, especially as this would allow us to concentrate on destroying purely military installations. This we should decide to do: and of course there is some hope that we need not do it, since it is not impossible that the completed preparations for such action, followed by an ultimatum, announcing our decision, may turn out to be sufficient.

Sincerely, K. R. POPPER, London School of Economics, Department of Philosophy, Houghton Street, WC2.

Twice in the last 12 months I have

experienced near misses. Once in the plain to the east of Hereford I was

letting down from 2,500 feet to 700

feet, had just reported my move-

ments to the region and had been

told "no known conflicting traffic", when two Tornados passed beneath

More recently I was flying over

Evesham, another flat area, when

my co-pilot suddenly grabbed the

wheel, banked and dived to avoid

Why cannot the RAF use the radio

frequencies which we civilians use to

report its whereabouts? The in-

cidence of near misses between civil

me at 700 feet.

two more Tornados.

Piggott's air escape From Mr G. A. H. Watts

Sir, I have been flying as a civilian pilot since 1946 — 46 years. Never has the risk of collision between light civil aircraft and military aircraft been so great as it is today ("Narrow escape for Piggott as Tornado turns his plane over. August 20).

There is normally no problem at high altitudes, which are invariably 'controlled", as military planes do not penetrate controlled air space without permission, due to the presence of civilian airlines. But rural air space outside airline routes is "uncontrolled".

Civilian pilots report to the flight information region which monitors the air space, giving position, course, speed and altitude, and are told in return whether there is conflicting traffic. The RAF aircraft do not call. so we do not know where they are.

and military traffic is now so great that there is certain to be an accident sooner or later. Yours faithfully. G. A. H. WATTS, Stroat House, Stroat,

Gloucestershire. report published in 1990 about a

Premiums and poverty From Dr Martin Wright Sir, There is a flaw in Jeremy

war and want a score, even as " Girector, Tain Sollies, comes to

Laurance's argument (article, August 20) that "rising insurance premiums can be seen as a kind of wealth tax . . . The burgled claim on their insurance policies and people who live in richer, safer areas pay the premiums that meet the claims".

Many low-income residents in high-crime areas cannot afford the premiums (or the security devices required by insurance companies) and are not insured at all. A Victim Support/Home Office

high-crime estate found that only 44 per cent of burglaries were even reported to the police. The lack of insurance is probably part of the reason for the low figure, since many people only report the crime because the insurance company asks them if they have done so.

In a fair society the risks should be shared more, not less, widely. Yours sincerely

MARTIN WRIGHT (Policy Development Officer). Victim Support. Cranmer House 39 Brixton Road, SW9,

the fore in Backbeat, about the jou see now?

to the present three A level pattern. Yours faithfully PETER HUGHES. 5 Woodbank Drive, Porthill. Shrewsbury, Shropshire. August 21.

From Mr Howard Goldsobel

Sir, There is a radical solution to the worrying imbalance in demand between the arts and sciences (report, August 21), at least so far as entry into higher education is concerned: convert the student loan into a bursary for all those who enrol on and complete approved science

As subject orientation at highereducation level much depends on choices made at 16, any solution will necessarily take two or more years to bite. Nevertheless, the introduction of a sciences bursary would immediately harness market forces (and parental pressure) in the redress

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Yours faithfully, HOWARD GOLDSOBEL 18 Russeil Road, Moor Park, Northwood, Middlesex. August 24.

From the President of the Society of Education Officers

Sir. How sad that the cynics should seek to attribute this year's improved A-level results to easier papers and soft marking. Might it not be that the improvements owe something to the efforts of the students and their

Might not the platform of GCSE, lessons learned about teaching methodology from TVEI (technical and vocational education initiative), and the motivating effect of enhanced coursework and modular syllabuses all have had a contribution to make? Of course we need to analyse

trends and the factors which underlie them, but let us also be prepared to give credit where it may be due. Is the occasional word of praise really such a risk? Yours faithfully.

KEITH ANDERSON, President Society of Education Officers, 20 Bedford Way, WC1. August 21.

EC directives

From Mr Peter Beazley, MEP for Bedfordshire South (European People's Party (Conservative))

Sir, Mr Brian Falk (letter, August 20) appears to neglect the vital role which the European Parliament plays in the European legislative process.

The European Commission automatically consults all interested par-ties from EC member states before issuing its draft legislation. It has to be submitted to the appropriate committee of the European Parliament at the same time as it is presented to the members of the European Council.

The committee can if necessary and often does call for a special hearing of experts and representative bodies affected by that legislation. It can also call for a consultative meeting with the Council of Ministers before completion of the leg-islative process. The European Council then takes its decision.

Yours faithfully, P. G. BEAZLÉY, Rest Harrow, 14 The Combe, Ratton, Eastbourne, East Sussex. August 21.

Cameras at Proms From Mrs Myra Brown

Sir. The Promenaders hit the nail on the head last night when they asked the orchestra: "Do the cameras get up your nose?"

I have been a regular at the Proms over many years and have never been so irritated by the encroachment of the TV cameras — there were eight of

Until this year I have only been aware of four cameras operating discreetly. Now there are three on the platform writhing about another two among the Promenaders with bright, distracting lights and a further three people moving about operating two cameras between the Promenaders and the platform.

I can see no improvement in the TV coverage of these concerts since the proliferation of cameras. This is another example of extravagant and unnecessary expense.

Will the day come I wonder when there is no longer room for a live audience for the Proms - the cameras will have taken over? Yours faithfully

MYRA BROWN. 33 Haldane Road, SW6. August 18.

Cost of shooting grouse

From Mr Roy Cole

Sir. How far a cry it is from Mr Jamie Hepburn-Wright's long catalogue of expenses for the moors (letter, August 22) to the old and simple tag, if anyone remembers it: "Up goes a guinea, bang goes sixpence, down comes half-a-crown." Yours etc.

ROY COLE. 21 Berehurst, Borovere Lane, Alton, Hampshire.

daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number. 071-782 5046.

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SOCIAL NEWS

Birthdays today

The Duke of Gloucester celebrates his birthday today. Dr Raphael Bakon, cardiologist. 56; Sir Kenneth Barnes, civil

servant. 70: the Right Rev Alan Chesters, Bishop of Blackburn, 55; Mrs Joan Clanchy, headmistress, North London Collegiate School, 53: Major-General N.L. Foster. 83; Viscount Gough, 51; Mr S.T. Graham, former chairman, International Commodities Clearing House, 71: Sir Ian McGregor, expert on tropical medicine, 70; Mr Malcolm Pyrah, show jumper, 51: Miss Alison Steadman, actress, 46; General Sir Harry Tuzo, 75: Professor J.E. Varey, former principal, Westfield College, 70; the Right Rev Maurice Wood, former Bishop of Norwich, 76.

Appointments

Latest appointments include:
Judge Curtis, QC. Recorder of
Birmingham, to be a Justice of the
High Court, assigned to the
Queen's Bench Division.
Mr. Michael Hairmed, and Mr. Mr Michael Holroyd and Mr Robert Southgate to be members of the Arts Council of Great

Mr David Nissen, Legal Under NIT DAVID VISSERI LEGAL Officer Secretary at the Department of Trade and Industry, to be Solicitor to HM Customs and Excise. He succeeds Mr Michael Saunders, who will be Legal Adviser to the Home Office and Northern Ire-land Office, from October 19. Mr Geoffrey Keggen Maddrell and Mr Kenneth Eric Correll Sorensen to be part-time Civil

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Robert Walpole, Ist Earl of Orford, statesman, Houghton, Norfolk, 1676; Joseph Michel Montgolfier, balloonist. Annonany, France, 1740: Antoine Lavoiser, chemist, Paris, 1743: Albert, Prince Consort, Schloss Rosenau, Germany, 1819; John Buchan, 1st Baron Tweedsmuir, governor-general of Canada 1935-40, novelist. Perth. 1875; Christopher Isherwood, novelist. High Lane, Cheshire. 1904.

DEATHS: Louis-Philippe, king of the French 1830-48. Claremont, Surrey, 1850; Lon Chaney, film actor, 1930; Frank Harris, writer, Nice, 1931; Ralph Vaughan Williams, composer, London, 1958; Paul Muni, actor, Hollywood, 1967: Sir Francis Chichester, vachtsman, circumnavigated the world 1966-67. Plymouth, 1972; Charles Lindbergh, first to fly solo across the Atlantic non-stop (1927), 1974; Charles Boyer, actor, 1978.

Julius Caesar landed in Britain, 55BC. Defeat of the French by Edward III at Crécy, 1346.

Church news

The Ven Michael Frederick Gear, Archdeacon of Chester, has been appointed Bishop Suffragan of Doncaster, in succession to the Right Rev W.M.D. Persson, who will be resigning on December 31. The Rev John Rose-Casemore, Rector of Tidworth, Ludgershall and Faberstown (Salisbury) is to retire as from September 30.

Forthcoming marriages

Sub Lieutenant A.C. Cole. RN and Miss V.A. Noakes The engagement is announced between Alan, elder son of Mr and Mrs LA Cole, of Brighton, and Victoria, daughter of Mr and Mrs H.E. Noakes, of Hove.

Mr R.E.R. Costello and Miss S.J.S. Woodrow The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mrs Phyllis Costello and the late Mr Ronald Costello, of Cookham, Berkshire, and Sarah Jane, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs John Woodrow, of Tring, Hertfordshire.

and Mrs Ian Hurchinson, of and Miss S. Newstead The engagement is announced between Kevin. son of Jean and William Flener, of Virginia, USA, and Sarah, daughter of the late Edward Newstead, of London, and Wendy Newstead, of Leatherhead, Surrey. The marriage will take place at the United Nations Chapel. New York, USA, on Saturday, October

Mr R.J. Hogan and Miss T.D.A. Normand

31, 1992.

The engagement is announced between Richard, younger son of Mr and Mrs R.V. Hogan, of Compton, West Sussex, and Tania, only daughter of Mr and Mrs C.P.B. Normand, of Grafham, Surrey.

and Miss C.D. Laughton The engagement is announced between William, son of the late

Mr W. Mitchell and of Mrs Mitchell, of Manchester, and Catherine, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs D.S. Laughton, of Penn Buckinghamshire.

Mr N.M. Patrick and Miss P.J. Hutchinson The engagement is announced between Nicholas, younger son of Mr and Mrs Stephen Patrick, of Rochdale, Lancashire, and

Delgany, Co Wicklow, Ireland. Mr G.R.L. Spackman and Miss E.T. Rowe The engagement is announced between Giles, son of Colonel and Mrs Anthony Spackman, of Watersfield, West Sussex, and

Elizabeth, elder daughter of Mrs Michael Eaton and the late Mr John Rowe, of Bradford Peverell, Mr E.D.C. Thornton and Miss C.A. Calle

The engagement is announced between Damlan, younger son of Mr and Mrs Gerald Thornton, of London, SE19, and Charlotte, younger daughter of Dr and Mrs William Callum, of Tonbridge,



"A La Carte" by Peter Cameron, an inmate of Full Sutton prison

Prisoners 'should be able to sell art'

By Simon Tait, arts correspondent

PRISONERS should be allowed to sell their works of art as a way of getting back into society, Judge Tumim, the chief inspector of prisons, said yesterday.

The annual Koestler exhibition of arts from prisons and special hospitals will be opened at Smiths Galleries, Covent Garden, by John Mortimer, the writer, today.

Judge Tumim, who recommended that prisoners should be given opportunities to develop artistic skills in the recent Woolf-Turnim report

"We ought to think in terms of allowing prisoners to sell their work, possibly through the Koestler Foundation. There is a rule preventing prisoners from engaging in business. but if this were done in a controlled way it could mean a handful of talented artists having a means of getting

back into society."

He cited the work illustrated here, A La Carte, by Peter Cameron, an inmate of Full Sutton prison in Yorkshire. "This man has a talent which

on prison disturbances, said: he has discovered in prison, a real talent which he should be able to develop,' said the judge, who was an assessor in the Koestler awards.

He also called for better arts and crafts teaching in prisons, and for materials to be more freely available. The largest work of art in the exhibition, a mural 60 feet by 15 feet, was made by two prisoners who had to beg the paints from other parts of the prison. "Shortage of funds in the prison service has meant that number of prisons, particularly in the south east, have closed their art departments, which is tragic," Judge Tumim said.

Architecture

Breathing new life into Irish hospital

A MASTERLY renovation library at Trinity College, scheme has provided new life Dublin. Burgh built numerfor Ireland's first voluntary hospital, Dr Steevens', opposite Hueston Station in

Dublin. The hospital, built in 1718-33 has just reopened as the headquarters of the Eastern Health Board. Martin Gallagher, the financial director, explains: "The board's offices were spread across Dublin and we are saving £150,000 a year by bringing them together in one building.

"The whole £5million job has been done without any extra Exchequer funding. The money we were paying in rents and other overheads has gone instead towards a mortgage.

In London, St Bartholomew's and St Thomas's hospitals had reopened under lay administration following Henry VIII's suppression of the monasteries, but in Dub-lin, the hospital of St John the Baptist, leased for a time to a local surgeon, had not flour-ished like its London counterparts.

The situation was becoming desperate when in 1710 Dr Richard Steevens, president of the College of Physicians, bequeathed his entire estate to

found a hospital.
The architect was Thomas Burgh, surveyor general of His Majesty's Fortifications in ous barracks and coastal defences all over Ireland as well as designing a series of important public buildings.
The new hospital, complet-

ed in 1733, was laid out round an open arcaded courtyard. Its design, with pedimented frontispieces was influenced by seventeenth century Clarendon House in London.

Renovation has involved creating a new north entrance front opposite the station. clearing away buildings to create a new spacious forecourt of lawns and trees. The architect for the project was Arthur Gibney, advised by Dr Maurice Craig, doyen of Irish architectural historians. The new double height entrance hall has an elaborate rococo ceiling "made with casts from a ceiling salvaged from a house where they filmed The Irish RM," says Mr Gallagher.

Next door is a one-stop health shop, where the public can obtain information on all the services provided by the health board. Upstairs well-lit new offices have been created. opening up the hospital's long corridors.

Restoration of the hospital's eighteenth century Worth Library is also nearly complete and the books will be returned shortly to the glass-fronted Ireland, best known for his bookcases that line the room.

Marsham Street folly

PARTS of the Department of Environment headquarters in Marsham Street, Westminster, would be retained as twentieth century garden follies in one of a series of schemes for the site ioned by Building Design magazine (Marcus Binney writes). - A group of architects was invited to suggest public usage for the site rather than replacement with more speculative office blocks.

Ron Herron, architect of the Imagination building in north London, suggests an apolitical electronic forum with video screens providing contact with MPs. Landscape architects Whitelaw Turkington argue that the site should continue the tradition of "radical social housing in this CGHP Architects argue that

during the existence of the DOE "the quality of urban life has got worse and environmental prob-lems have grown in their serious-ness." Aiming to develop a polemic on urban life they propose to retain parts of the DOE in skeletal form. nentai research.

The precedent of Les Halles, the former Paris food market is little explored, though the concept developed there of shops and offices in sunken courtyards beneath the street level public garden might be the ideal substitute for the Marsham Street towers.

1991-2 Bar Vocational Course

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Let your love descend on me. Lord, your deliverance as you have promised; then I shall have an answer to the taums aimed at me because I trust in your ward.

BIRTHS

ARMFIELD - On August 24th, at Queen Charlotte's, to Catriona inée Hill) and lan. a daughter. Lavinia Alice BAMFORD - On August 10th. to Angela mée Hargravet and James, a son, William James Edward.

BÉER - On August 24th 1992. to Neomi and Dominic. a son. Joshua Michael. a brother for Charles.

BRYDGES - On August 22nd. to Marityn Inée Klompus) and Robert. a daughter. Catherine Sydney. a sistér for Kempe. BUREAU - On August 21st. lo Flona (née Smith) and James, a son. Henry James Harper.

CODRINGTON - On August 19th 1992, to Ursula and Stephen. a son. Rory Alexander, a brother for Kale, Hugo and Tessa. DESSAIN - On August 24th in Jersey to Rosy thee Ruthvent and Anthony, a daughter. Georgia Emily Alice.

FOSH - On August 22nd, to Helena thee van der Kunj and Matthew, a daughter, Talitha Helena. LOVEYS JERVOISE - On

SAUTTER - On July 16th, to Gillan 'mée Gunby' and Edmund, a daughter. Victoria Louise.

THOMPSON - On Monda, August 17th, to Nancy-Jan (nee Rucker) and Bentamin, daughter. Eleanor Clar

THORNTON-SMITH - On August 21st, to Karen and William, a daughter, Imogen Caltin Claire.

MARRIAGES

HARVEY:BAILEY - Lorna and Robic were married in Bishops Waltham on Tues-day 25th. All love Dave and Carolyn.

DEATHS

BROOKS-WARD - On Augus 22nd, peacefully at Merrose Farm, Portscatho, Cornwall, Raymond Stirley aged 62 Beloved husband of Dhny, rather of Simon, James and Nicholas. Family funeral at Si Just-in-Rosalend, Cornwall, on Thursday August 27th, No flowers, but August 27th. No flowers, but donations if desired to St Just Church and/or the First Air Ambulance Service Trust. West Downs. Delabole. Cornwall PL33 9DY. A Memorial Service will be better to a later data. DEATHS

COLBOURN - On August 25th 1992, Commander Cyril Edward of Caldecole Hall. Edward of Caldecote Hall. Nuneaion. peacefully aged 87 years. Funeral Service at Caldecote Church on Tuesday September 1st at 2pm followed by interment in the churchyard. Flowers may be sent to D.B. Devall Funeral Directors. 1-2 Wembrook House, The Green. Attleborough. Nuneaion. Wariss.

Nuneaton. Warks.

CURREY - On August 24th
1992, at home in Bain, after
a brave fight against cancer.
Rosemary. Very dear wife of
Neville, loving mother of
Robert and Natasha.
Requiem Mass at St John's,
South Parade. Bath, on
Friday August 28th at 10am,
Family flowers only, but
donations in lieu for the
Cancer Retter MacMillan
Fund may be sent to Jollys
Funeral Directors, 7 Windsor
Place, Upper Bristol Road,
Bath BAI 3DF.

Bath BA1 3DF.

CURTEIS - On August 24th 1992, peacefully at home in Sevenoals, Mary Dolla, aged 91. widow of Captain Str Gerald Curteis, KCVO. RN. much loved mother of Desterre. Ceraldine and John and grandmother of Timothy. Amanda. Angus. Kuirina, Sarah. Annabel and Robert. Funeral Service at St Mary's Church. Kippinglou. Sevenoals. at 12 noon on Tuesday September 1st. Family flowers only, donations if desired to RSPCA c/o W. Hodges and Co. Ltd., 37 Quakers Hall Lane. Sevenoals, Kent.

DANKS - On August 22nd, peacefully in her 89th year, hy Amelia Danks LRAM, For 35 years the beloved and devoted wife of Bill, she was the much loved nother of Geoffrey and Shella (de Voil), the kind mother-in-law of Judy and Paul, the dear grandmother of Sally, Nick and Liz, and the proud great-grandmother of Harry and Sophile. She was a fine musician, and her musician, and her musician, and her musician, and the community. "So she passed over, and all "So she passed over, and all the trumpets sounded for her on the other side." Funeral on Tuesday September 1st at 1,30 pm at St John the Baptist, Guilden Sotton. Chester, Family flowers.

EDGINTON - On Augus! 24th EDGINTON - On August 24th 1992, at Frogmore House, Bryan, aged 83 years-Husband of Dowhne and father of Anthony and June. Cremation private, followed by a Service of Thankspiving on Saturday October 10th at 2.30 pm in Millon-under-Wychwood Parish Church.

EVARS - On August 21st. in the beauty of summer's early morning, my wonderful and courageous Annette, beloved and loving wife. mother and grandmother, with our undying graffinde to all who nursed and cared for her so lovingity at Crewkerne Clinic and Yeovil District Hospital. Funeral at Hinton St Ceorge on her birthday. September 2nd. Wednesday at 2.30 pm. Flowers and/or donations for her special concern Barnardo's to Stoodley and Son at George Shopping Centre. Crewkerne.

RICHARDS - On August 18th, at his home in Barry, South Clamorgan. Barry, South Clamorgan. F.R.C.PSYCH., aged 77 years, much missed by his wife Mollie, Geraint and Vivienne. Funeral Wednesday September 3rd. 3 pm at Coychurch Crematorium. Bridgend. Enquiries to funeral directors A.G. Adams & Son. Tynewydd Funeral Horpe. 1 11 Gadstone Road, Barry. South Glamorgan CF6 2NA. No flowers by request donations to Clients Amenity Fund. Life Care Trust. Coulsdon Road. Caterham. Surrey. GOODMAN - On August 20th GOODMAN - On August 20th 1992. peacefully in hospital Nusla Margaret Marry of Godstone. Surrey, beloved widow of Thomas and very dearly loved mother of Carol. Flona and Codfrey and grandmother of Peter. Catherine and Martin. The funeral will take place in Ireland. KEATING - On August 25rd

KEATING - On August 23rd 1992. Iragically in a car accident. Nalasha Penelope Delghton. aged 26 years. much loved daughter of Rosamond and Donald Keating and beloved sister of Oliver. Roly. Gites and Jenny. Funeral at St Mary the Virgin. Ewelme. Oxon. at 2.30 pm on Friday August 28th. Family flowers only. Donations to RoSPA (Road Safety Division). Cannon House. The Priory Queensway. Birmingham. 84 6BS.

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MAITLAND MAKGILL
CRICHTON - On August
25th 1992, very peacefully.
Sybil Fredrica Coore inde
Patoni, widow of Douglas,
mother of Veronica and the
late Charles, Fumeral at
Monzie Kirk on Friday
August 28th at 2 pm. Family
flowers only.

McLELLAN - On August 21st 1992, peacefully at Heaton, Newcastle-upon-Tyne. Rita, dearly loved wife of Andrew.

meany loved wife of Andrew.

MILLII - On August 24th, peacefully at home. Lieut. Cdr. Anthony David. Royal Navy. aged 68. Loving and belowed husband, father and grandfather. Funeral Service at St Marith's Church. Shutford. near Banbury, on Tuesday September 1st at 2.30 pm. All welcome afterwards at Handywater. Family garden flowers only please to the Church. Donations may be sent to the R.N.L.I.

MORROW - On August 24th, suddenly and peacefully at litracombe, Nick Morrow D.S.C., aged 72, second son of the late Canon and Mis-Morrow and much loved father of Christopher.

NICHOLSON - On August 25rd 1992. Norman Harry (Peter) M.B.E. of Castleford. West Vorishire. Son of the late Mrs R.A. Nicholson and a dear uncle. Requirem Mass to take place at 81 Joseph's R.C. Church, Castleford, Thursday August 27th at 12 noon followed by cremation at Ponlefract at 1 pm. Will friends please accept this Intimation. Donelions in lieu of flowers please, for The Prince of Wales Hospice. Hairpenny Lane, Ponlefract, W. Voris. WF8 4BC. Enguirres to Charies E Ashton & Sons Funeral Directors (et: 10977) 552265.

O'BERNE - On August 21st 1992. suddenty. Cornelius Banahan, C.B.E., Q.C., of Esher. Surrey. Beloved husband of the late Ivanka, faither of Michael and Micolette, faither-in-law of Jean and grandfaither of Hubert. Former Altorney-Ceneral of Gibrallar and of the High Commission Territories, South Africa, Funeral on Friday August 28th at 10.30 am at the Hoty Name Church. Arbrook Name Church. Arbrook Lane, Esber. Flowers to F.W. Chitty. 45 Elmprove Road.

IN MEMORIAM

SNOW - On 26th August 1990. Michael Edmund. In loving memory of my friend and husband.

LEGAL NOTICES

Surrey.

THORP - On August 25th 1992, peacefully. Arthur Rhodes of Angmering, dear husband of Anne (Shakespear) and loving hisband of the late Berryl Amuch loved faither and grandfather. Funeral Service at St Margaret's Church. Angmering, on Thursday September 3rd at 11am followed by private cremation Family flowers only but domations if desired to St. Barnabus' Hospice, Columbia Drive. Worthing, Sussex.

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September 19t al 3 pm. Donations to Age Concern. 1268

London Road. SW16 4ER.

USHER. - On August 25th London Road. SW16 4ER.
USHER - On August 25th.
Lady Usher, peacefully in
South Africa. She will
always be remembered with
love and affection by the
Bates family.
WALTER - On August 20th
peacefully, Ruby, widow of
Flight Leutenant John
Walter DFC, sadiy missed by
family and friends. Private
cremation. Service of
Thanksgiving at St. John's.
Alresford, at 3 pm Thursday
September 10th. Oonations
to RUKBA. or Woodland
Trust.

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Answers from page 14

(b) The little ank of the Arctic, a later form of rotge, but the precise source is not clear: "The little Ank, or Common Rotche, is only a winter visitor to the

POTAGERIE Gardiner, or. a New and Entire System of Directions for Meloury, Kitchen-Garden, and Potagerie."

Pass List (in order of merit) for the 1991-92 Bar Vocational Course by Training and Assessment: Outstanding: W G Audland (G); P A G D Tankerville Chamberfayne (I); S I Hornett (M); S Leech (L); A N M Wales (G): J S C Eldinow (M): M C Rollsson (I): J I Adult (L): E J Ambrose (M): A E Milchell (M)

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(IN LIQUIDATION)

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John Mason of Morton Thermon

& Co. Terrington House, 47
Hotywell Hill, St Albams, Hert
forsahire ALI 1HD was
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of a Meeting of the company's
creditors held on 20th August
1992. David this 20th day of
August 1992.
David John Mason - Liquidator.

Devid John Mason - Liquidator.

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ZEMNI (b) The blind mole-rat, Spalax typhias, short for Russian dialect schenok temnoi "puppy of earth": "Some are devoid of the suricle, as the mole, the zemni-rat, the mole-rat."

(b) Erratic, random, from the Latin adjective errabundas wandering to and fro, errare to wander:
"With your errabund guesses, veering to all points of

(a) Growing herbs or vegtables collectively, a kitchen or herb garden, from the French potagerie pot-herbs or kitchen-plants collectively: "Practical Kitchen

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Prizes

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Adutt (L); I J Hitching (M)

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Rario (G); S J Von Achten (L); P J W
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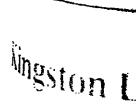
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in 1980.

worked steadily through the

company to become chairman

This was a difficult time.

The Imperial Group was anx-

iously pursuing diversification

to replace already shrinking

income from the core interests

of tobacco, eigarette and eigar manufacture. Some of the

forays into food and drink and

the notorious Howard John-

son hotel investment in the

United States meant, unitap-

pily and unfairly, that Mal-colm Anson was blamed for

poor performance by Imperial

and he left the company.
But his abilities were well

known to government as well-

as British commerce and in 1982 he became chairman of

the then Wessex Water

In that position be helped to

prepare the company for its eventual privatisation in

1989, and it was Anson's

robust negotiations with gov-

emment that ensured Wessex

Water got its fair share of capital and was able to put in

place the assets that deliver its

Malcolm Anson was always

actively interested in promot-ing good education and train-

ing. These interests led him to

become chairman of the Bris-

tol Association of Youth Clubs,

of Endeavour Training and of

present high standards.

Authority.

OBITUARIES

MALCOLM ANSON

Malcolm Anson, chairman of Imperial Tobacco and later chairman of Wessex Water Authority, died on August 13 in a swimming accident in the Seychelles aged 68. He was born in Bristol on April 23, 1924.

MALCOLM Anson had two successful business careers in very different sectors. During his long period with the Imperial Tobacco Group he rose to be chairman and then, after removal from this position, he quickly transferred to the very ifferent world of the Wessex Water Authority. He was successful in helping to prepare Wessex Water for the privatisation that happened shortly after he completed his five year term as chairman in 1987.

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Since his retirement in that year he had been no less busy. largely looking after education and young people's causes. He died on honeymoon after his recent second marriage.

After Winchester, military service and a distinguished academic performance at Trinity, Oxford, Malcolm Anson joined in 1947 the then Imperial Tobacco Company of Great Britain and Ireland. It was a predictable step as his father, Sir Wilfred Anson, was at the time deputy chairman. However his wit, wisdom, judgment and likeability quickly ensured his progress on his own merits and he



the Avon Enterprise Fund. He was chairman of the careers board of Bristol University. vice chairman of Clifton College council and, from 1971 to 1983, director of Ullswater Outward Bound Mountain School. In 1977 he was High Sheriff of Avon and in 1979 Master of the Society of Merchant Venturers in Bristol, In

> many other and less obvious ways he helped the city of Bristol and the west country. Anson was a man of immense charm and humour who wrote and spoke as a classicist should. He was well

> respected, especially by those who knew him well. -He had three sons and a daughter from his first

MICHAEL WHEELER

Michael Wheeler, TD, QC, specialist in company law, died on August 7 aged 77. He was born on

MICHAEL Wheeler inherited from his father, the effervescent Sir Mortimer Wheeler. much of his iconoclastic irreverence for pomposity and bureaucracy. However, as a Deputy High Court Judge for 15 years, his judgment and the respect in which he was held totally belied his outwardly frivolous attitude and barely concealed impish sense of

He was educated at the Dragon School and then won



a scholarship to Rugby before going to Oxford to read Law at Christ Church. He was called to the Bar by Gray's lnn in

Before the second world war, he had already joined the Territorial Army and trained as a gunner. He helped his father in 1939 to raise the 48th Light Anti-Aircraft Battery at Enfield, whose first recruits included the present Lord Goodman. The 48th consisted mainly of lawyers

and actors of some repute. Wheeler's father had commis-sioned him as a 2nd Lieuten-ant, but it was only later that the War Office became aware

of this and confirmed it. Wheeler saw more serious wartime service in Italy, where he was in command of a regiment and was mentioned in despatches. He was demobbed as a lieutenant colonel in 1946. One of his first assignments

was as a member of the UK mission to the Argentine to sell the Argentine Railways to pay for the bully beef consumed by Britain during the war. His practice was mostly advisory and drafting and he was known for his adaptable, obliging and enormously professional approach, which included a willingness to give a rapid but considered opinion. not a trait present among all

his contemporaries. He took silk in 1961. He sat on many arbitrations and established a reputation for sound judgments. It was not normal for barristers of his specialisation to become High Court Judges, but, from 1972 to 1989, he sat as a Deputy High Court Judge in the

Chancery Division.
Wheeler was a keen cricket. er and golfer and represented the Bar on several occasions. His chambers were one of the first to stop the practice of making pupils pay a fee to their masters. However, he was not averse to striking the occasional bargan and when Geoffrey Keighley, who played for Yorkshire in 1949. came as his pupil, Wheeler insisted on receiving a course of lessons at the Alf Gover

Cricket School as his fee. Wheeler married, in 1939, Shella Mayou who survives him together with their two

GENERAL KLEMENS RUDNICKI

General Klemens Rudnicki, DSO, Polish war hero, died in London on August 12 aged 95. He was born in Zydaczow on March 28, 1897.

KLEMENS Rodnicki described himself well in his 1974 memoirs as the "last of the warhorses". After some brave but inadequate cavalry charges against invading German armoured cars in 1939. he quickly realised that European warfare would from then on be mechanised. Yet Rudnicki remained to the end of his life the quimessential cavalry officer: courteous, attached to an almost regimental code of honour, a loval friend, a man of great dignity

and some dash. During the first world war as a young soldier in the Austro-Hungarian army, he was wounded in the hand. This did not deter him from continuing with a military career and in independent Poland he quickly gained the command of a light cavalry squadron fighting against Red Army units. By the age of 24 Rudnicki was already a veteran of two wars. He was appointed to the army staff

college as a lecturer on tactics. The German invasion of Poland saw Rudnicki, then a colonel, as regimental commander of the ninth Lancers. Equipped with precious few anti-tank guns, their position constantly betrayed by German spotter planes, the Lancers had little chance against the sophisticated blitzkrieg machinery of the Germans. The failure of cavalry against a modern mobile army, remembered Rudnicki, was "one of



Having hidden the regimental colours. Rudnicki linked up with the Polish underground resistance and started to smuggle intelligence reports abroad to General Wladyslaw Sikorski. On a clandestine intelligence gathering mission to Soviet occupied Lvov - in

what was later to become the western Ukraine - he was arrested by the NKVD, the Soviet secret police. His subsequent odyssey was typical for many Poles: deportation to Siberia unexpected freedom and army service for the Allies in Persia, Iraq, Palestine.

victorious surge into Germany

In the Lvov prison he was taught English, the rudiments of medicine and even fortunetelling by his cellmates. Perhaps because of his wounded hand he was exempted from sentenced to the usual eight years of gulag that was meted out to many other captured Poles. Instead he was given five years of relatively free Siberian exile. There he lived under a false name until news arrived that General Wladyslaw Anders was being allowed to form a Polish army Egypt, fighting in Italy and a from the hundreds of thouarmy to Teheran and, in 1943, joined up with other Polish units in Cairo. By the time that the Poles invaded Italy, Rudnicki had been temporarily transformed into an infantryman. He was the deputy commander of an infantry division that charged courageously up Phantom Ridge and St Angelo Hill at Monte Cassino. During the battle of Ancona he was commander, and won the Distinguished Service Order. Rudnicki's troops went on to liberate Bologna. He then flew to the western from and led Polish units as they occupied Wilhelmshaven and accepted the surrender of the Germans.

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the Societ Union. In 1941.

Rudnicki joined Anders' gen-eral staff and travelled with the

The immediate post-war years brought him briefly into conflict with the allied occupation command which wanted to repairiate Poles to Poland. Rudnicki well understood what awaited the returning Poles, With some sympathetic British commanders, he managed to create a temporary shelter for many of the Poles in Germany, buying them time while they found western countries that would accept

Rudnicki chose to live in England and was soon joined his wife who fled communist Poland. They had three daughters, one of whom had died in the Warsaw uprising in 1944. For most of his retirement. General Rudnicki was an antique dealer and restorer. But he was very active in veteran associations and was regarded as a moral beacon for many exiled Poles.

ARTHUR PROPPER

MBE, civil servant, died on July 30 aged 81. He was born on August 3.

WHEN Harold Macmillan decided to try to take Britain into Europe, agriculture was one of the major obstacles. Arthur Propper was sent to Brussels in 1902 to act as the linkman for the ministry of agriculture. This was no easy task. Both the permanent secretary in the ministry and the president of the National were fervent anti-marketeers and no demand for special treatment for Britain was too outrageous for them. But the minister of agriculture - the late Christopher Soames and the team sent to negotiate Britain's entry wanted to find acceptable terms. Caught between these currents, it was Arthur Propper's job to represent to the six original members of the European Community what it was Britain really needed if public opinion was to support entry and to report back on their reactions. His cool appreciation of what the Six would swallow, while not always welcome to the negotiating

probably could have been struck but de Gaulle's veto intervened and Propper returned to London. Like many of his generation, Anhur Proper became a civil servant because of the second world war. Educated at Owens School and Peterhouse, Cambridge, where he took a first in history. his early career was in advertising. But with the outbreak of the war, he was drafted into the ministry of economic warfare and later transferred to the minstry of food. He became an established civil servant in the merged ministry of agriculture, fisheries and food

and was a natural choice to

KCMG. former governor

of the Falklands Islands,

has died aged 83. He was

born on May 23, 1909.

EDWIN Arrowsmith gave 28 years service to the blind after

his retirement from a distin-

guished career in the service of

the Commonwealth. In July

1964 he was appointed to the council of St Dunstan's, the

organisation working for men and women blinded in the

Services, Arrowsmith had re-

cently retired from the posts of

governor and commander-in-

chief of the Falkland Islands

and high commissioner of the

team, was invaluable intelli-

gence. His qualities of person-

ality and intellect enabled him

to retain the confidence of all

sides. A deal on agriculture

undertook a series of important assignments as under secretary in a department which became increasingly bound up with Europe. After retirement from the civil service in 1970, he acted as European adviser to Unigate and then did a spell with the Price Commission until 1976.

It was a happy accident that this meticulous and sensitive official was able to spend such a large part of his career dealing with matters Europe an. A keen sense of history was an important part of both his and he was steeped in Europe an culture. He loved all the arts though literature had pride of place. He read voraciously and with deep insight. His civilised and subtle mind made it not surprising that Henry James was one of his favourite authors. He carried all this erudition modestly but liked nothing better than to share it with his friends. Woe betide them if they had not read the latest issue of the New York Review of Books.



He suffered a long series of illnesses with tremendous dignity and fortitude. Throughout them all he had the unfailing care and support of Erica, his wife for more than 50 years. She shared his cultural interests with him to the full. They made a wonderful, cultivated partnership. He will be sorely missed by her, by represent the ministry in Brus-sels. On his return in 1964 he also by a wide circle of friends.

Apart from his time in the

Falklands, his 32 years in the service of the Commonwealth

had been almost equally divid-

ed between the West Indies

From 1965 to 1979 he was

director of the Overseas Ser-

vices Resentement Bureau. In

1970 he widened his interest

in the welfare of blind people

by accepting the chairman-

ship of the Royal Common-

wealth Society for the Blind, a post he relinquished in 1985. He then became a vice-presi-

Arrowsmith leaves his widow and two daughters.

and southern Africa.

DON LANG

Don Lang, trombonist, rock and roll vocalist and band leader, died of cancer at the Royal Marsden Hospital, London, aged 67. He was born on January 19, 1925.

DON Lang's musical career began in the dying years of the big band swing era, but he was to achieve his greatest fame during the emergence of rock and roll in the Fifties when his Frantic Five ensemble dominated the popular television show Six Five Special, forerunner of Top of the Pops. Although the aptly named Frantic Five - they were an exceedingly energetic group on stage — accompani rock and roll stars of the day, such as Tommy Steele and Cliff Richard, when they appeared on the programme, they notched up some impressive rock and roll successes of their own with Lang himself doing the vocals.
In May 1958 his recording of "Witch

Doctor" reached No 5 in the British pop music charts and remained there for 11 weeks. A year earlier the success of his rendering of Chuck Berry's "anti-class-room" hit "Schoolday" prevented the composer's version from climbing any higher than No 16 for his debut in what was then called the British Hit Parade.

"Schoolday" was to cause mildly nervous tremors among educationists both sides of the Atlantic because its rallying cry "Hail, Hail, Rock and Roll" echoed down many a college corridor, the gentle protest lyrics suggesting that pupils preferred playing the juke-box to dipping pens in inkwells. Another of Lang's vocal hits of the period was entitled "Cloudburst" which first appeared in the charts at No 16 in November 1955, and was to make two brief reappearances shortly after.

Lang, whose original name was Gordon Langhorn, grew up in his native Halifax; his musical career began with the double bass but he changed to the trombone, moving to London where, in 1949, he was to join the well-known



Lewis freely based his style on his big band idol Stan Kenton who favoured massive brass emphasis in his "progressive jazz" arrangements. Langhorn was a featured soloist, first in Lewis's expanded orchestra for his ambitious "music for modern" tour, and also for the reduced dance band format that was to follow. Langhorn was one of a distinguished list of ex-Lewis players who were to succeed in fronting their own bands: others on the list were Ken Thorne, Johnny Keating, Stan Reynolds, Ronnie Scott and Tubby Hayes. Langhhorn left Lewis for a spell with the equally popular Ken Mackintosh Orchestra during which he co-wrote one of the band's biggest swing hits "The Creep". By the mid-fifties big bands were becoming not only less popular but

NORMAN DANIEL

prohibitively costly to maintain; seeing the light, Langhorn became a highly successful "session" musician, meanwhile launching what was to become his parallel career of vocalist, with his singing version of Woody Herman's instrumental "Four Brothers". He was also one of the musicians who anticipated the rise of rock and roll; he truncated his name to Don Lang and formed the Frantic Five which he fronted with his rousing trombone and appealing voice.

Don Lang remained an enthusiastic and dedicated professional even in his declining years, during which he courageously fought his illness; he continued playing sessions wherever and whenever

He is survived by his wife May and their son and daughter.

August 26 ON THIS DAY 1933

SIR EDWIN

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Among those who were deprived by the Nazis of their nationality were Ernst Toller. the playwright and revolutionary: Lion Feucht-

wanger, author of the besteller lew Süss: Wilhelm Pieck. tho was to become President of the German Democratic Republic after the war, and Philipp Scheidemann, who had proclaimed the first

NEW ACT OF NAZI PERSECUTION

German Republic in 1918.

The Ministry of the Interior publishes a first list of 33 persons now abroad who have been deprived of their German nationality under the Act of July 14 for the revocation of naturalization and the forfeiture of German nationality "because they have injured German interests by conduct conflicting with the duty of loyalty to Reich and nation." Their property has been

confiscated.

The 33, most of whom have fled the country to avoid the risks of internment in a concentration camp or other misadventure, include prominent Socialist politicians, pacifists. Communist leaders, and well-known writers. In the list are:-

Herr Otto Wels, chairman of the now illegal Socialist Party and the last Socialist to speak in the Reichstag. Herr Rudolph Breitscheid, who

was leader of the Parliamentary Socialist Party. Herr Philipp Scheidemann. a

Socialist and the first Chancellor of the Republic, whose refusal to sion the Peace Treaty did not reconcile the patriots to his pacifist and anti-Monarchist Herr Heinz Neumann, a former

leader of the Communist Party. Herr Wilhelm Pieck, the Communist Parliamentary leader. Herr Lion Feuchtwanger, the author of "Jew Suss", a book-

which first became known in Germany through the news of its success in America and England; the patriots were always irritated when the outer world quoted Herr Feuchtwanger, a Jew, as a foremost representative

Herr Heinrich Mann, a brother of Herr Thomas Mann, the Nobel prizewinner, already in 1914 an open satirist of the monarchical times, his post-War works were all written from an advanced Liberal and Democratic angle. Until quite recently Herr Heinrich Mann was president of the Prussian Academy of

Herr Ernst Toller, a Jew. Communist revolutionary in Bavaria, and dramatist whose plays attracted much attention in England, so that he was in 1925 the guest of honour at a P.E.N. Club dinner in London which was presided over by J.K. Jerome and to which he was bidden welcome by W.B. Yeats.

Dr Kurt Tucholsky, an advanced Liberal and Democratic

Professor Georg Bernhard, a Jew and former Editor of the Vossische Zeitung. Dr Alfred Kerr, the former Dramatic Critic of the Berliner

Dr Friedrich Foerster, who sacrificed a professorship at Munich University to pacifist convictions, which drove him into Switzerland during the War, he was for many years a leading member of the German Peace Society.

Professor Emil Gumbel, a Jew, formerly of Heidelberg University, an unyielding pacifist, who for years kept the students of Heidelberg in commotion by his views about war, and once caused a riot by saying that for him the symbol of war was not a lightly clad maiden proferring laurels of victory, but "one big

Herr Helimuth von Gertach, a member of a Prussian official family and a professed pacifist whose Well am Montag was long a thorn in the side of the

Daniel, CBE, formerly of the British Council, died on August 11 aged 73. He was born on May 8, 1919.

Norman Alexander

NORMAN Daniel was a British Council representative as well as a historian of medieval literature and of inter-cultural relations. Educated at Queen's College, Oxford, he became a PhD of Edinburgh University after the second world war and, in 1947, assistant director of the British Institute,

He was assistant representative of the British Council in Baghdad (1948) and in Beirut (1952). In 1960 he became deputy representative for Scotland, and in 1962 representative in Khartoum He was cultural attache and

during the Arab-Israeli wars.

His publications included Islam and the West, 1960, and several other works on this subject: The Cultural Barrier, 1975, and Heroes and Saracens, 1984. He also then cultural councillor to the wrote, pseudonomously, Revo-

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British Embassy in Cairo,

1971-79. He was appointed

OBE in 1968, and CBE in

1974, in particular in recogni-

tion of his work for Britain

events of 1958. His first wife, Ruth Pethybridge, whom he mar-ried in 1941, died in 1981. Their adopted son, Gerald,

lution in Iraa, concerning the

had earlier died while in his early twenties. In 1988 Daniel married Morna Wales (nee Murray), whom he had known more than 50 years earlier at Frensham Heights, and whom he leaves a widow.

objects of some importance to

sive set of records of private piety,

especially the tomb stelae from Deir-

el-Medina, the village of the work-

men who cut the tombs in the Valley

feet high, are carved with scenes of

gods and donors: the tomb-maker

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son, offer sculptor's chisels to the

falcon god and Thoth, scribe of the

gods, and Ramesses II offers wine to the goddesses Hathor and Mut.

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Archaeology

Kingston Lacy dusts down its eccentric Egyptian collection

BY NORMAN HAMMOND, ARCHAEOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

ONE of Britain's oldest, yet least Cambridge: the poet's approbation from Philae bearing an hieroglyphic known collections of Egyptian antiquities has just gone on display in the unlikely surroundings of Kingston Lacy, the National Trust house in Dorset best known for its superb collection of paintings by Rubens,

Velasquez and other masters. Like the paintings, however, the roomful of limestone stelae, scarabs, and shabti servant figures from tombs were amassed as part of the decoration of the house, by William Bankes, one of the most eccentric and mildly scandalous figures of Regency

England. Born in 1786, he was Byron's "collegiate pastor, master and pafather of all mischiefs" at and Bankes's "Gothick" room decorations at Trinity College have ensured his name some remembrance down the years. Less remarked, however, have been the results of his two expeditions to the Nile in 1815

On the first of these he travelled as a gentleman amateur, but the interhelp build a collection.

est in ancient Egypt that the visit engendered in him led to a return accompanied by several professional artists to record ruins and views, and Giovanni Belzoni, the most accomplished tomb-robber of his day, to

well as pharaohs at the bottom of the garden, he wanted striking objects for the house. This is the sole The most important and spectacusurviving English gentleman's colleclar of his acquisitions, an obelisk tion from the early days, virtually

text including the carrouche of Cleopatra, has stood in the gardens at Kingston Lacy since 1839. Together with the accompanying Greek inscription on its plinth, the obelisk text, which Bankes had copied in 1815 and sent to François Champolhon, was instrumental in helping Champollion to read Egyptian hieroglpyphs in 1822, the first major decipherment of an ancient script.

Bankes placed the granite sarcophagus of Amenemope nearby; but as

instinctive, even if uninformed judgement of one whose tastes were developed in the refined climate of Regency Britain," said Mr Harry James, former keeper of Egyptian antiquities at the British Museum. William Bankes spent his last years

abroad, having jumped bail after a homosexual encounter with a guardsman, but continued to send back treasures to adom the house he had already turned into an Italianate palazzo. His Egyptian collections found little favour with his successors. however, and languished in storage until this year.

They have now been assembled in the billiards room, under Mr James's

director, tain Soldey, comes to Country of the pointing of the the fore in Backbeat, about the and the Course YOU See how?

CLEANING CONTRACTOR

Car makers braced for cuts and closures as sales plummet

By Kevin Eason, motoring correspondent

CAR makers are menaring themselves for new job cuts and closures as they face the doubling of Britain's motor trade deficit and the threat of the worst August sales for eight years.

Figures yesterday showed car exports, which have kept British assembly lines busy during the recession, suffered a rapid fall in the second quarter of the year while imports jumped.

The reversal helped to push up the deficit in automotive products to £1.37 billion for the first six months, 121.3 per cent higher than in the first half of last year and worse than the whole of 1991. The second quarter deficit of £834 million was a deterioration of 202 per cent over the April to June figures of last year.

Cars shipped abroad be-tween April and June fell by 18 per cent, leading to a total 11 per cent decline over the first half of the year to 289,333. At the same time, car imports were up 20 per cent in the second quarter and at 509,132 for the first six months are running 14 per cent higher than in the same period of 1991.

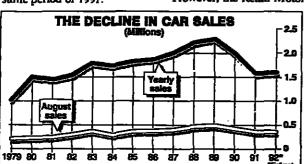
The depressing trade fig-ures issued by the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders underlined how difficult it is proving to drag the nation's biggest manufactur-ing sector off the bottom of

Last week Ford put its main Dagenham plant on a threeday week because exports began to falter, adding to the problems of the weak home market. Rover has also started short-time working at its main Longbridge plant at Birmingham for the same

Manufacturers sank their hopes for a revival at home into August, the biggest sales month of the year accounting for almost a quarter of annual domestic registrations. They needed sales to top 400,000 if the industry was to improve, but sales in the first 20 days have struggled to 290,550, just 0.9 per cent above the 287,900 in the first 20 days of August, 1991.

Ford is still predicting the month would end with sales of 365,000, which would be the lowest since 1984 and marginally below the 368,000 of last year.

However, the Retail Motor



Industry Federation, which represents 12,000 dealers, remained optimistic that the industry could hit 380,000. more than last year, still below expectations.

Manufacturers have cut prices and raised the advertising budget for August to a record £50 million to lure customers back. The cost of marketing and financing by some manufacturers has been as much as £450 a car.

Last night manufacturers were counting the cost of throwing so much money into the marketplace for no better return than August, 1991, which was part of the worst annual sales stump for 50 years. They see little chance of achieving annual sales over 1991's 1.59 million.

A spokesman for Ford. Britain's biggest car com-pany, said: "There is still a lot of uncertainty out there in the marketplace. We all started with high hopes and sales have managed to turn up slightly but we still think that August will be 365,000 and that does not tell us that the industry is staging any sort of dramatic revival. Vauxhall added: "Everyone

is having a tough time. The car industry is an economic indicator and things are not going so well." There are also about

30,000 cars that may have to be heavily discounted because they must be sold before January 1. Those cars are not fitted with catalytic converters. Under European Community legislation, all cars on sale next year must have one.

20,000 ring in to hear royal tape

Continued from page 1 Play the King, an unpopular prime minister opts to play the republican card against the king to distract the public from his dwindling support and the floundering economy. The king, who has waited for decades for the throne. complains about the homeless and destruction of the environment. The fictional Princess Charlotte is photographed on holiday with another man and after several other mishaps, is forced to

Michael Wearing, head of drama serials, said: "It promises to be one of the most controversial series we have made and it is probably as a result of excitement in the rovals.

But a senior BBC source said plans to adapt the novel for television had been on the cards long before allegations began appearing in newspapers about the Duchess of York and the Princess of Wales. The BBC had been delayed by eight months of wrangling between Mr

Dobbs and Mr Davies who could not agree on the

Mr Davies said he now had freedom to adapt the novel, adding: "Real-life events seem to be overtaking us. It will be difficult to know what to include." But he promised some distance between the drama and the real royal fam-"There will be no. lookalikes and certainly nobody with ears that stick out."

Battle theme, page 5



Martin Bell of the BBC lies wounded after being hit during a mortar attack in Sarajevo. It was his first injury in a career covering 11 wars. He told colleagues: "Okay, I'll survive. I am alive."

Tenacious girl given her new heart at last

BY TIM JONES

tion. Mr Walker, 43, a gas

was put at the top of the

to survive for seven weeks.

Her parents were absolutely

euphoric when they were told

about the operation. It has

been a long period of worry

Wendy had lived a normal.

healthy life until a virus at-

tacked her heart muscles,

leaving her needing a trans-

plant to survive. It was not until Monday that Mr Walker and his wife heard the news that a heart had become available.

Mr Walker said: "When

for them.

European transplant list.

A LITTLE girl who lived for seven weeks after doctors said she had just 48 hours engineer from Longforgan, Dundee, Tayside, had ap-peared on television plead-ing for a donor and Wendy left was yesterday given a new heart. Wendy Walker, ten, had clung to life while doctors searched Europe for a replacement organ.

Wendy had amazed doc-A spokeswoman for the hospital said: "Wendy has got a hell of a lot of willpower

tors and hospital staff with her tenacity as she waited in an intensive care unit for a

donor heart to be found.

Colin Hilton, the surgeon who performed the five-hour operation at the Freeman hospital, Newcastle upon Tyne, said later that Wendy was in a satisfactory condition. Mr Hilton said: "She is a remarkable fighter. I went on holiday last week and I fully expected her not to be here where I got back."

The hospital gave virtually no details about the donor heart, which came from an English man

she came out of the operat-ing theatre we were told her Wendy's parents, Peter and Evelyn, had maintained feet were nice and warm, where before they were cold. a bedside vigil, praying that she would survive for long Her eyes are open now and Diary, page 10 | enough to have the opera- are there for her."

Thousands forced to leave New Orleans

Continued from page 1 south Miami to prevent access to scavengers from outside the region. About 1,500 National Guardsmen have been deployed as well as an infantry battalion. But in some homes, people armed with shotguns refuse to abandon their possessions.

President Bush flew into southern Miami where he toured damaged areas. He visited an evacuation shelter close to where the eye of Andrew struck. At times the president's motorcade slowed to a crawl as it negotiated fallen power lines and mangled traffic lights. "My heart



goes out to the people of Florida," Mr Bush said. He promised to do all he can to hasten release of \$50 million in disaster relief funds.

Even though the winds have passed, emergency management officials have told residents not to leave their homes. They gave a warning that hurricane experiences showed that most deaths and injuries come in the aftermath of the storm from power cables, glass, damaged build-ings and traffic accidents dueto failed traffic lights. Andrew has taken a devas-

tating environmental toll on the Miami area. "It looks like a plague of locusts has been here," said a spokesman for parks management. At Homestead air force base, every building was either destroyed or damaged said the Pentagon. The 6,500 workers have been told to stay away for at least five days. "Homestead air force base no longer exists," said Toni Tiordan at ine Florida Community Affairs Department.

Reserves may be used to shore up sterling

Continued from page 1

for ratification of the treaty, but it also revealed that 21 per cent of respondents did not intend to vote. The L'Express poll was carried out by 1FOP among a representative sample of 947 people on the electoral register.

A third poll, carried out by

Louis Harris for VSD magazine, showed that 33 per cent would vote in favour of the Maastricht treaty and 31 per cent would vote against. A further 36 per cent said either that they did not know how they would vote or that they would not do so.

The survey was carried out by telephone using a representative sample of 944 votpoll, carried out on July 4 and , gave the lobby in favour of the treaty on European unity a 10 per cent lead over those against.

Le Figaro newspaper will

today publish its own survey by the Sofres polling firm. It shows 51 per cent of respondents in favour of the treaty. and 49 per cent against. The firm questioned 1,000 voters between Friday and Monday. Alan Beith, the Liberal

Democrat Treasury spokes-man, said yesterday that it was "touch and go" whether an interest rate rise could be averted. He claimed that Mr Major's credibility on the ERM was being undermined because he was too scared to "take on" the Tory rebels calling for Britain's with-drawal Mr Beith also urged the government to underpin the pound by putting sterling in the narrow band of the ERM, giving the Bank of England independent charge of setting interest rates and dropping Britain's opt-out clause on monetary union.

He argued that the pound was also under pressure because of lack of confidence in Britain's "real economy" and he called for an extra £2 billion to be spent on hous-ing, public building and transport to get the construction industry moving. Mr Beith criticised Labour for lacking a coherent policy and said that that it was calling for European co-ordination on interest rates which it knew were impossible to

Holiday bargains, page 2 Letters, page 11 Maastricht worries, page 15

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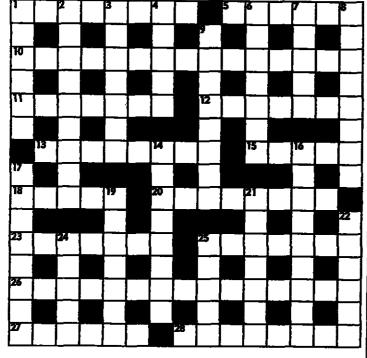
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- 10 As a court official, I can have climber disciplined (4-11). 11 Broadcast rebuke about help being turned back (7). 12 Ship's doctor right about lip (7).
- 13 Bespangled girl rejected advance 15 Eestatic about money that's disbursed (5).
- 18 While speaking, adjusts clothing 20 Working hard in recession, extracting from niobium the core
- 23 Interrupt routines in attempt to make a comeback (7). 25 A mule, perhaps — one unsteady on his feet (7).
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1992 Birmingham regional final of The Times InterCity Crossword

- 26 An editor can hope for circulation that's a little of what's required (1.4,2,3.5). 27 In defeat, you are said to grow up
- 28 Sailor's in the drink (8). DOWN
- 1 Irritable in uniform (6). 2 State conceals one murder, the result of using a chopper (9). 3 A sort of miracle, what the Dutch do to polders (7).
- 6 Still by no means irsute (7). 7 Beginners, toying with a new guitar, pluck a string (5).

4 Anger which a fellow suppresses

- 8 Top of cedar in Knossos, perhaps material. . (8). 9 .. yielding couch for king in the east (8).
- 14 Mark's boat in difficulties in river (4,4). 16 Sally escorted by people in extraterrestrial gear (9).

 17 Boss the fellow with authority in
- this rural business (4-4). 19 Drain from sink (7). 21 Capital chap included in North

22 Family tree (6).

24 Jack used to catch mackerel (5). 25 Gentleman of dissolute habits, no end of an upstart (5).

Concise Crossword, page 9 Life & Times section This puzzle was solved within 30 minutes by 22 per cent of the competitors at the A daily safari through the language jungle. Which definitions are correct?

By Philip Howard ROTCHE a. The escapement of a watch b. The small arctic ank c. The scissors in Camberland ZEMNI

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Answers on page 12

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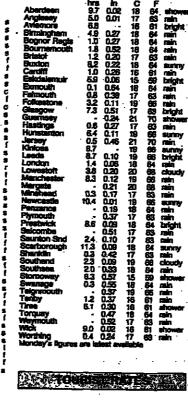
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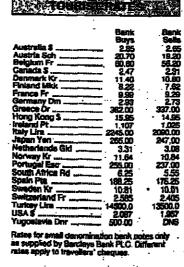
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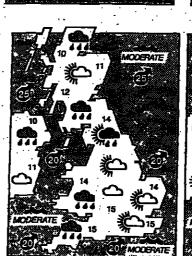
Cloudy, apart from a few sunny intervals in the East. Showers in the West will spread quickly eastwards. Some showers will be heavy and could be prolonged. Brighter but still cloudy conditions will spread across the country during the afternoon, before rain reaches the West during the evening. Blustery, with winds freshering in the North later. Outlook: unsettled, with showers or longer spells of

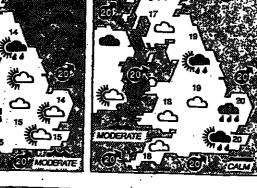
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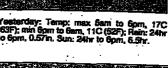
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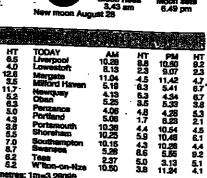




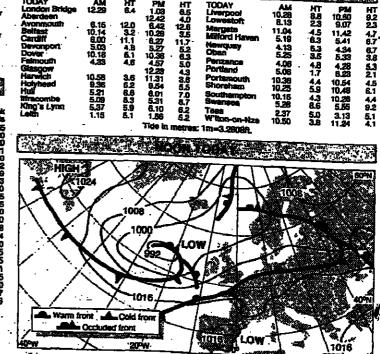


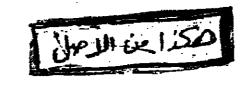


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Interim profits at provisions against loans to O&Y Page 17

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An Italian order for Harrier fighters will bring £140 million of work to British Aerospace and Rolls-Royce Page 16

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GrandMet shares slid after the company admitted it would not breach the £1 billion profit barrier this year Tempus, page 18

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BUSINESS EDITOR JOHN BELL

Big British companies will lose millions from \$2 pound

By Patricia Teman

BRITISH companies stand to lose £750 million in export profits and an extra £200 million from currency translation for each 10 cent fall in the dollar against sterling according to figures from Doug McWilliams, economic adviser to the Confederation of British Industry.

He warned that all large UK firms will be iffected by the \$2 pound, either from the impact on exports, as demand weakens and profit margins are hit, or from the effect of translating weak dollar profits into sterling. Professor McWilliams believes Britain's big exporters, that are competing with Ameri-

can companies on price, will ail be hurn. Industrialists yesterday voiced their concern that this year's profits will be damaged.

Half of Hanson's operating profits come from America. In the year to September 30 1991 America contributed £493 million of Hanson's £995 million operating profits. Yesterday a Hanson director said: "Clearly the translation of dollar denominated operating profits is adverse when the currency declines. But there are knock-on benefits in terms of making exports from the US." In addition, he said, it will lower the company's interest bill for dollar denominated borrowings. However, "On balance it will be negative rather than positive" he

said. Stephen Brown, chief executive at Tate & Lyle, the sugar group where more than half of profits are made in America, said every one cent appreciation of the pound against the dollar will reduce profits after tax by between £300,000 and £400,000 a year as well as reducing the value of its North American assets. He said there will be lime effect on cash flow because: "We use our cash generated in North America to pay interest on our debt and also to reinvest. Although we have a high percentage of earnings in the US we also raise almost all our debt there, so there is a natural hedge." Mr Brown added: "If we thought that it was a long term situation then we would be

concerned" about the longer-term economic effect on the company, "but at the moment we regard it as an accounting situation", he

David Nash, finance director at Grand Metropolitan, the drinks group, said the company has forward cover in place to protect it from most of its exposures but said currency translation will wipe between £8 million and £9 million off pre-tax profits for every five cent fall in the value of the dollar. Research from Philip Wolstencroft, Smith New Court's market strategist, shows drugs companies are likely to be worst hit. But he

says many companies will benefit from lower commodity prices. Wellcome esti-

mates that every one cent movement of dollar/sterling rates affects pre-tax profits by £1.5 million. ICI, which has one third of its earnings from America, expects to suffer in terms of earnings translation, but believes the damage to profits will be offset to some extent by advantages gained in terms of

buying dollar denominated commodities.

Britain's biggest manufacturer, British
Aerospace, says it is protected from fluctuations in the dollar by currency hedging. BAe's all-important Al Yamamah Saudi Arabian defence contract is, however, vulnerable as the company is paid in the proceeds of oil sales. BAe is hedged at \$1.50 to \$1.70 over the next 18 months.

Worries over Maastricht damage sterling

By COLIN NARBROUGH AND WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU

CENTRAL banks across Europe stand ready to attack the mark after its steady advance that yesterday pushed the pound and other currencies close to their absolute floors in the exchangerate mechanism (ERM).
Forceful intervention to

thwart the progress of the mark, deploying the central banks' huge official reserves, will be the first line of defence against the mounting pressure the German currency is exerting on the rest of the parity grid. Only if intervention fails to force the mark to retreat are the British and other govern-ments expected to bite the bullet and raise domestic interest rates.

Sterling dropped sharply to a low of DM2.7812 yesterday afternoon, its weakest since ERM entry in autumn 1990. after an opinion poll that showed 51 per cent of the French were ready to vote against ratification of the Maastricht treaty. Sterling's absolute floor against the

ERM, is DM2.7780. The stock market continued to suffer from fears about weaker sterling and the threat of a base rate increase from the current 10 per cent. The FT-SE 100 index, down 50 at one point, closed 30.1 lower at 2,281. Gilt-edged stocks ended about a half point down after a volatile day before today's auction.

In the money market, the three month interbank lending rate closed 1/s firmer at 107/s per cent. This indicated expectations that Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, will be forced to raise the base rate by about a full point.

After the Chancellor called on John Major to discuss the current situation, the Treasury made it clear that the government remains committed to its ERM band and rules out any devaluation of sterling. Current pressures, in the government view, represent a "mark

problem", a spokesman said. When sterling reaches its mark floor, which currency analysts think likely today, the Bank of England will be obliged to sell marks for pounds, drawing down its currency warchest of \$45 billion at the last count. The Bundesbank is also obliged under ERM rules to supply unlimited marks to replenish the British supply.

A later French poll, which pointed to 51 per cent in favour the Maastricht treaty, helped the pound to regain some ground. At the official London close at 4pm, sterling was back at DM2.7923. Although no intervention

was detected yesterday from most leading central banks. the Bank of Italy stepped in to support the lira at the fixing. The Portuguese and Spanish authorities were also obliged to step in to prop up their currencies. The Belgian franc, meanwhile, climbed to the top of the ERM yesterday, overtaking the peseta.
The dollar, whose virtual

free fall last week unleashed the current turbulence in world foreign exchange markets, had a surprisingly good day, despite the absence of support action. In London, it closed at DM1.4025, having been as low as DM1.3940 during the day. Against the pound, the dollar closed slightly firmer than on Monday at \$1.9935.

☐ Interest rates may have to rise in Britain, Italy, and possibly even in France, according to European financial analysis, after French opinion polls yesterday pointed to-wards a dead heat in the

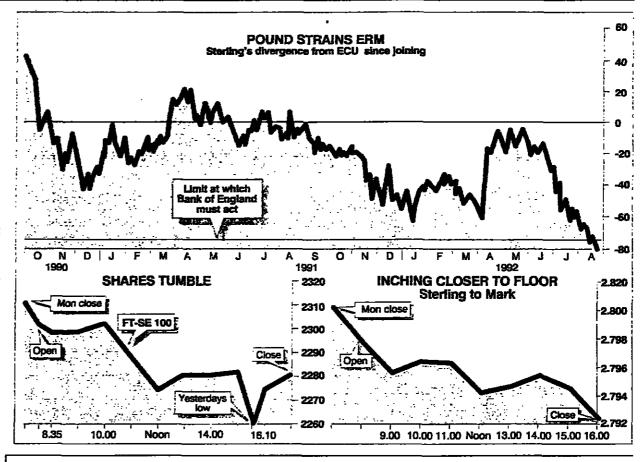
referendum on the Maastricht treaty on September 20.

These market jitters reflect fears that a no vote would kill the treaty and would lead to a massive flight into the German mark. But despite these fears, there is wide agreement among economists that European governments will not allow a realignment of the ERM before the French vote. Nigel Rendall, of James

Capel, said the likelihood of a British and Italian rate rise has risen strongly with yesterday's opininon polls. "Even the French may come under considerable pressure to raise rates, although the franc has a small safety margin, and they may just get away with it." But he added that he saw little chances of a realignment even in the case of a French no vote. "The case for a realignment is difficult to make even after a no vote, because others would want to stick with their parities

against the mark." He said the Benelux countries are most certain to do so. and vesterday even the Banl of Italy indicated its opposition to a realignment. France is also set against devaluation. in which case a realignment would be no more than a euphemism for a straightforward sterling devaluation.

Ifty Islam, currency analyst at BZW, said that "if the French vote 'no', all the weak currency countries will raise rates rather than agree to a realignment." In London, expectations of higher interest rates were reflected in the price of currency future contracts. The September sterling contract implies an interest rate of close to 11 per cent, while the three month sterling contract discounted an interest rate of 10.8 per cent.



£280m Canary Wharf claim rejected

By Angela Mackay

ERNST & Young, Canary Wharf's administrator, has rejected a £280 million claim from Credit Suisse First Boston relating to the Wall Street in Cabot Square. The bank has been told by the administrator that it will have to pursue its claim in the courts. A meeting of creditors of Olympia & York Canary Wharf Ltd was told by Ernst & Young yesterday that a CSFB subsidiary, Glenstreet Property Development, had tried to

bring the claim as an unse-cured creditor. One of the administrators, Stephen Adamson, said the claim had been rejected because it was based on "certain contingen cies" that had to be adjudicated by a court.

CSFB bought a 999-year lease on the 550,000 sq ft building, known as FC1, and are scheduled to move in at the beginning of next year. Last Comment, page 19 | night, CSFB was unable to

\$11 billion. The administrators said that while the attending credi-

tors were owed 552 million. the project's banks have estimated that of the £567 million they are owed, about £70 million is unsecured. The banks are thought to be assessing whether the amount

comment on the claim. About

250 of a possible 650 unse-

cured creditors to the main

trading company attended the

meeting and agreed to contin-

tion. Canary Wharf was

placed in administration in

May owing at least 5625

million after O&Y, its parent.

failed to reschedule its debts of

should rise. Three of Canary Wharf's banks, Bardays, Lloyds and CIBC, were put on the creditors' committee. Mr Adamson said that he agreed "more than 10"

confidentiality agreements with interested investors but talks were preliminary. The government, he added, was adamant that any deal must include a £400 million contribution to the extension of the Jubilee Line and that this reduced the number of possible investors.

In June, the administrators said they had six interested parties but since then, one of them, Hanson, had withdrawn. Only one cash bid, put

Paul Reichmann, is on the table from a group of Wall Street financiers. But the banks are reticent about the proposal because it i reshuffling of creditor priority. Professional costs of the administration were between

together by O&Y's founder

£800,000 and £900,000 a month. Of the £10 million provided by the club banks to fund the administration until the end of the year, £8 million is still available. Mr Adamson said. The administrators have not let new space since their appointment, but Mr Adamson said they had made offers relating to more than I mil-

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British Gas makes second-quarter loss BRITISH Gas has dipped into the red, losing £17 million



Into the red: Cedric Brown reports loss of £17 million.

in the second quarter compared with a profit of £247 million one year ago. The company warned its shareholders that profits for the full year are likely to be lower than in 1991 unless there is a prolonged cold speil (George

Sivell writes). For the first half, historical cost profits before tax fell from £1.307 million to £915 million. Cedric Brown, the new chief executive, said 70 per cent of the fall was down to an unusually warm second quarter against a colder than normal second quarter in 1991. The rest of the fall was pinned on increased competition to British Gas in the industrial supply market.

to competition. It was a dispute over the rates charged to rivals for using the British Gas pipelines that led to the recentannounced monopolies commission enquiry. Despite the profits fall, Brit-

ish Gas is to pay shareholders a dividend of 6.4p for the first half. Because of a change in the year end from March to December there is no directly comparable dividend. But analysis estimate an equivalent dividend would have been 6p for last year's first half. The company emphasised that the policy remained to increase the dividend in real terms and there was "no reason to change this policy at this

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Computer runs up errors, with interest

BY RODNEY HOBSON

THE odd 9p I can stand. I reckon NatWest Bank needs it more than I do. So when I was charged 9p interest on a Gold Plus Access account with £1,200 outstanding it seemed churlish to

After all, other cardholders paying £70 a year for the privilege of flashing gold plastic under the noses of waiters and shop assistants had suffered worse at the hands of the Access computer. Alas, it is clear that last month's

problems with NatWest's new computer software are still with us. This month, my statement saw a further interest charge of 99p on July 29, only for the £1.08 total interest to be credited back to the account two days later.

theory, have any overdue amounts or any interest charges at all. What happened next is an interesting insight into how the electronic mind

works. In a fit of remorse, the computer helped itself to the correct amount from my bank account. It had no idea what to do about that 9p. So it slapped on to my latest statement a late payment charge of £2.37p, a punishment inflicted on the account holder for not paying the 9p that

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the flow. "We felt cardholders would want to be aware of the charges they had run up." The late payment charge has by September.

been wined off my account, I am assured. The problem will be completely resolved

the computer had wrongly awarded itself

The heavily engaged telephone help line admits: "The problem is on-going.

Hopefully we are on the last leg and it is

NatWest changed its computer system in July, introducing software designed to

cut down fraud. It wrote to gold card holders, who need an income of £25,000

to qualify, three weeks ago to explain the difficulties.

been solved. It decided to let statements

go out with errors rather than interrupt

NatWest says most problems have

and then failed to collect.

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That's definite. I think.

director, Jain Softley, comes to the fore in Backbeal, about the ය වේදීමට ප්රථාධ ලින

However, an account that is cleared each month by direct debit cannot, in

Gold card: paying for privilege

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COLUMN TO SERVICE AND SERVICE

L&M loss reduced to £26m

By MATTHEW BOND

property company that made a pre-tax loss of £100 million in 1990, lost £26 million last

The results for the year to December 31, published yes-terday, had been delayed by negotiations with the company's banks, which collectively are owed £129 million. The banks first agreed to a financial restructuring in February last year. They have agreed to extend facilities, which were due to run out at the end of June, for another 12 months.

Chris Harris, who became chairman and managing director when David Lewis stood down at the time of the original refinancing, wel-comed the banks' decision to

continue support.
"The banks believe the management here can obtain a better result than any alternative route might produce." he said. We embarked on the job when we refinanced the company the first time round. This is the second phase."

A second successive year of heavy losses means the company's balance sheet now shows a negative net worth of about £44 million. But John Aiton, L&M's finance director. said the directors were relatively sanguine about their legal position. "We're certainly not blasé but we do sleep at night." It is illegal for directors to trade if they know their com-

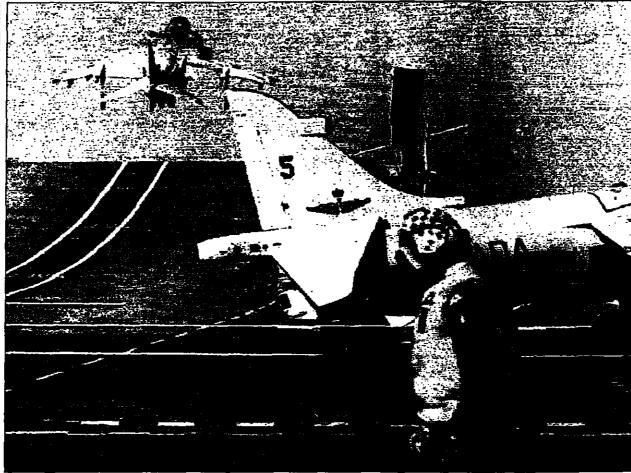
pany is insolvent. The company's interest bill during the year was £12.7 million, but about £7 million

LONDON & Metropolitan, a of this was paid in the form of preference shares as part of the original agreement reached with the banks. The banks also have warrants that would give them 49.9 per cent of the ordinary equity in the event of a takeover bid. As expected, there is no dividend for the second year running.

Mr Harris said the property market had been "much tougher" than expected at the time of the refinancing. He was therefore delighted that 18 properties had been sold during the year at prices within 10 per cent of their 1990 valuations. The sales produced proceeds of £26 million, but the impact on the overall level of borrowings was negligible because of further investment at Pont Royal, a residential golf complex in the south of France. L&M has brought in Pierre & Vacances as development partner there. The Pont Royal golf course is to be officially opened by Seve Ballesteros next month.

The 1991 figures contained only £5 million of writedowns. after £83 million of provisions in 1990. Most of the £5 million relates to the value of a 26.000 sq ft unlet office block on the edge of the City of London, Mr Harris said L&M currently had a total of 200,000 sq ft of unlet space around the country, although 40,000 sq ft of this was under

A revaluation of the company's £20 million investment portfolio produced no further reduction in value.



Wanted on board: a Harrier takes off from a Spanish aircraft carrier during Nato manoeuvres in May

£140m Harrier order for BAe and R-R

By Ross Tieman, industrial correspondent

BRITISH Aerospace and Rolls-Royce will share work worth some £140 million as a result of an imminent order by Italy for Harrier fighters. The Italian government indicated its intention to order 13 of the aircraft by the end of October.

The order will be for the latest version of the aircraft. the short take-off and landing Harrier AV-8B Plus, developed by McDonnell Douglas with Italian and Spanish partners. However, around £90 million of work on the £260 million contract will fall to BAe, which pioneered the Harrier and remains a leader in the programme.

Centre and rear fuselage sections for the £20 million plane will be built by BAe at Brough, Humberside, and Dunsfold, Surrey. The contact will help to secure jobs at the two plants. Rolls-Royce, which provides the Pegasus engine to power the Harrier,

is expected to receive around £50 million of work from the order. The engines will be built at Rolls's Bristol plant.

Delivery from the UK plants for final assembly of the aircraft in Italy is expected to begin in mid-1993, and to be spread over two years. Italy has already bought two training versions of the Harrier to prepare pilots to five Harrier to prepare pilots to fly the warplanes from the new carrier Giuseppe Garihaldi. Because the Italian navy will

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need a shore-based back-up squadron, it is thought likely that Italy might order more Harriers later. Spain, the third partner in the development programme, has yet to place an order for aircraft.

Other versions of the Harrier are in operation with the Royal Navy, the US Marine Corps and the Indian navy and the aircraft saw combat service in the Gulf war. Rolls-Ryce makes the power-plants

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Mersey Docks lifts profits and payout

THE Mersey Docks and Harbour Company, in which the government retains a 20 per cent shareholding, increased interim profits from £5.46 million before tax to £7.63 million after a 15 per cent rise in the volume of cargo handled by the Port of Liverpool. With volumes rising to 13 million tonnes in the six months to end-June, the port enjoyed the benefit of the transfer of operations of Coastal Container Line from Ellesmere Port to the Royal Seaforth container terminal.

Turnover rose from £29.19 million to £42 million after the consolidation for the first time of Merlin Stevedores and Coastal Container Line, both of which operate at lower margins than the core business. Operating profits were £7.78 million, up from £5.6 million. The interim dividend is increased from 2p a share to 2.5p, payable from earnings of 8.12p a share, up from 6.99p.

EFT edges ahead

TIGHT control of costs helped pre-tax profits at EFT Group, the Scottish financial services company, advance from £510,000 to £706,000 in the first half of this year. Earnings rose from 1.09p to 1.49p a share and the interim dividend is raised from 0.33p to 0.40p. Total revenue increased from 63.66 million to £3.7 million, with a 13 per cent rise from continuing activities. EFT expects the difficult trading conditions to continue in the second half, but remains "cautiously optimistic".

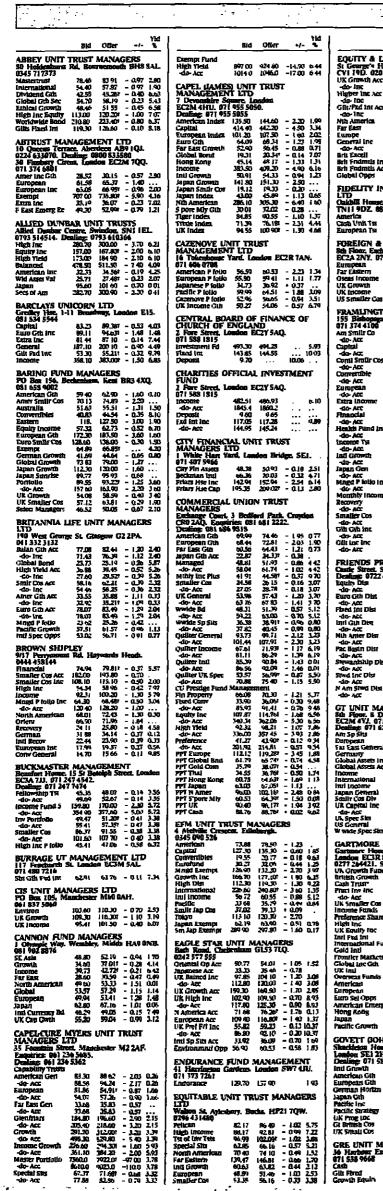
Cowie expected to fail

THE last assault by T Cowie on Henlys, its takeover target, has left the stock market unmoved. With the Cowie shares up 1p to 120p, its seven-for-ten offer values Henlys at 84p. However, the market expects the bid to fail and sellers pushed Henlys down 2p to 65p. Henlys now stands little higher than the 57p level just before the bid was approunced. Cowie's bid the 57p level just before the bid was announced. Cowie's bid values the rival motor distributor at £30 million. The offer closes next Tuesday.

Interim loss at Porth

PORTH, a Christmas decorations company, lost £1.84 million pre-tax (£1.82 million loss) in the six months to June 30. Turnover was £2.76 million (£2.47 million). Restructuring brought exceptional costs of £292,000 (£105.000), but a £3.5 million rights issue last year has reduced interest payable from £423,000 to £180,000. Porth typically makes a first-half loss and the results are in line with expectations. The company has not paid a dividend since June 1990.

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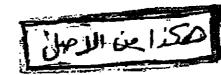


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To provide further support

group races ahead despite bad debts By Jonathan Prynn HSBC Holdings, the parent of Hongkong Bank, has shrugged off huge Olympia & Tose 63 per cent to HK\$4.48 billion (£305 million). General provisions had been increased York bad debt provisions to

in view of the uncertain world race to a 39 per cent advance outlook", HSBC said. It added that the proposals for the restructuring of Olympia & York were being closely moni-tored and "additional specific in interim pre-tax profits for the six months to end June. The first-half results are the last before the inclusion of consolidated results from provisions will be made in the Midland Bank, acquired in remainder of the current year if deemed appropriate". HSBC said it had made provisions of US\$188 million

Most of HSBC group's exposure to O&Y, some US\$750 million, is secured by controlling stakes in Abitibi-Price Inc. and Gulf Canada Resources. Asked whether HSBC expected to recover the Olympia & Total bad debt provisions York loans, William Purves,

economy this week By Colin Narbrough, economics correspondent ernment. Mr Hata made clear yesterday that he opposed issuing deficit-covering bonds to meet any shortfall in reve-

nue this year. That policy is

advocated by Michio Wata-

nabe, the deputy prime minis-ter and foreign minister. Mr Hata's resistance to

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Japan to stimulate

sures to lift Japan's sagging economy and stock market is to be unveiled on Friday, Tsutomu Hata, the finance minister, said yesterday. Anticipation of imminent

against its total exposure to O&Y of US\$768 million.

slightly lower than the US\$787 million figure given

cabinet approval of the 8,000 billion yen (\$63 billion) fiscal package has already given investor confidence a boost, pushing the Nikkei share price average up more than 2,300 points in a four-day

government commitment to restoring health to the econoin public works and a scheme to help financial institutions cope with bad debt. Mr Hata said the government would do whatever was necessary to avoid a financial crisis, possibly setting up a body to buy back land held as collateral

for the Tokyo stock market, Mr Hata said the government would not go ahead in the current fiscal year with the planned disposal of 500,000 shares the government held in Nippon Telegraph and Telephone Corporation.

ed over how to pay for the stimulatory package, which will be the largest ever approved by the Japanese gov- industries. the chairman, said: "Well I'm always hopeful. I'm an optimist at heart but it's too early

Rod Barrett, an analyst at Goldman Sachs, the investment banking group, said:
"The provisions were a bit higher than expected." He said he had expected the O&Y provision to come through in the second half, but that operating profits were sufficiently strong to take the hit

Overall, the results came in at the top end of expectations and were wekneded by analysts. In London, the ordinary shares rose 3p to 308p before falling back to close at 306p. One London broker said: "It's about the only bit of blue on

Profits before tax were HK\$7.67 billion, up from HK\$5.51 billion for the same period last year. The interim dividend was increased 30 per cent, far higher than expected. to HK\$0.705 (4.8p) from HK\$0.54. The group has forecast a final dividend of not less than 9.4p, making 14.2p for the year, in line with market expectations. Net profits rose 51 per cent to HK\$5.03 billion.

HSBC, which beat off Lloyds Bank to snatch control of Midland, is already incorporated in Britain and plans to move its headquarters to London. "Measures designed to achieve the benefits of the merger have already started and are proceeding well," HSBC said.

The group added that "with few signs of imminent recovmy and the financial markets. Japanese market semiment ery in the major industrialised is likely to be encouraged by economies the outlook for the yesterday's announcement that long-term credit banks rest of 1992 remains uncerintend to cut their long-term tain. Most of the South East prime rate by 0.4 of a percent-Asian economies, however, age point, to 5.7 per cent, from are expected to enjoy continptember 1. The decision ued growth and in Hong followed the monthly review of Kong the momentum is likely prime rates based on the to be maintained, although coupon on five-year bank current trade disputes between the USA and China are a cause for concern".

The Bank of Japan's monthly economic review, published yesterday, showed the econo-HSBC said weighted risk assets had fallen slightly at June 30 compared with the my still slowing, reflecting weaker consumption growth end of last year. The overall and slow stock adjustment by industry. The bank said severe capital ratio strengthened as a result of higher net reserves. production curbacks will prob-ably be prolonged in most Tier one and total capital ratios were 9.4 per cent and 12.6 per cent respectively.



Expansive mood: in spite of a slip in interim pre-tax profits to £4.58 million (£5.08 million) Paul Lester, chief executive, said Graseby, formerly Cambridge Electronic Industries, would continue to grow. Turnover was up at £51 million (£49.4 million) and the dividend is held at 3.3p. The shares fell 34p to 133p. Tempus, page 18

Wates sees conditions improving

Wates City of London Proper-ties reports lower profits, but has detected the first signs of improvement in the City prop-erty market. Pre-tax profits fell 18 per cent to £3.74 million in the first half of this year. The interim dividend is held at

Cook in black

DC Cook made an annual pre-tax profit of £121,000 (£1.5 million loss). A final dividend of 0.5p makes 1p

Darby falls

Darby Group made an annual pre-tax profit of £285,000 (£1.51 million). A final dividend of 0.8p (2.1p) makes 2p (3.3p),

Trimoco profit

Trimoco forecasts that interim pre-tax profits will not be less than £1.2 million (£250,000 loss) and that the total dividend for the year will be maintained at 1p.

Kerry ahead

Kerry Group made an interim pre-tax profit of Ir£10.6 mil-lion £10 million), against IrE9.01 million last time and is paying an interim dividend of 0.79p (0.75p).

Saab cuts loss

Saab Automobile's interim loss fell to 800 million kronor loss of 1.59 billion kroper.

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Interim pre-tax profits at Astra of Sweden rose 33 per cent to 2,326 million kronor (£227

Societies suffer £325m outflow

BY SARA MCCONNELL

INVESTORS last month withdrew £325 million more from building societies than they put in. It was the largest net withdrawal in a single month since 1986, the Building Societies Association said. In June, the net withdrawal was £314 million. Net inflow in the first seven months of the year was only £18 million. Adrian Coles, head of exter-

withdraw funds to finance

nal relations at the association, said: "A relatively low level of net receipts is usual for this time of year as customers

holiday spending." He added to 7.25 per cent net after that the trend was exacerbated by competition from National vield remains attractive. Savings and by the call for

final payments on regional electricity company shares. National Savings reported net receipts of £481 million in July, the highest figure since 1984, when it took in £523 million. The inflow was mainly due to the success of the first option bond, launched at the beginning of July. The bond took in £299 million during the three weeks of July that it was on sale. Despite a rate cut

protests from societies that they could not compete, the

Gross mortgage advances rose to £3.7 billion in July, up from £3.1 billion the preceding month. Net new commitments, at £3.4 billion, were 7 per cent up on the previous month but still down on July last year. Mr Coles said the month-on-month increase was partly caused by some buyers' desire to beat the August 19 deadline for reimposition of stamp duty.

Hoover to cut jobs at UK factories

FROM PHILIP ROBINSON IN NEW YORK

THE American parent of Hoover plans to shed jobs at its Welsh and Scottish factories, which were expected to break even this year but will remain deeply in the red

Maytag, the fourth largest home appliance maker in America, bought Hoover as part of a \$1 billion deal in 1989 and will take a \$95 million charge against third quarter profits to scale back its European operations, of which the UK is by far the largest part. Hoover employs 75 per cent of its 4,000 European workforce in Britain making vacuum deaners, washing machines, tumble dryers, and dishwashers.

A Maytag spokesman said yesterday: "There will be some rationalisation and redundancies, but I do not know how many at the moment. We feel this is one way in which we can stop the bleeding. We are not optimistic about Europe breaking even this year and even with the downsizing we are heavily dependant on what happens to the economy in the UK," he added. Maytag says losses at its Hoover Europe operations were much deeper than had been foreseen, and would continue until the end of this year.

Mr Leonard Hadley, May tag chief executive, said significant cost cutting over the past two years had not been adequate in the face of excess manufacturing capacity and there had been an unexpected deterioration of economic conditions in the UK and other European countries. Maytag is expected to make a \$43 million loss in the three months ending September against a \$24.2 million profit for the same period a year ago.

Brierley bids for Gibbs Mew

GIBBS Mew, a brewer and property developer based in Salisbury, Wiltshire, has received a takeover offer from its largest shareholder. Brierley Investments, valuing it at EI I

The 200p a share offer compares with yesterday's opening share price of 1830. Briedey said the offer represented a 45 per cent premium to the Gibbs Mew share price before Brierley's July announcement that it was considering bidding for the 80.3 per cent of the company it did not already own.

The Gibbs board said it had

DOUBTS were grow about the outcome of today's £2.5 billion gilt auction as the the company's shares.

profits outlook, a further decline in profitability, share

Gibbs family to act in all shareholders' interests. It share price had underdistilling sector by 71 per cent July 29, 1992, and that the company's increasing involve-

British Gas plc. 1992 Second Quarter Results.

Chairman's Statement: The second quarter and half year results were ting, with the UK Gas Business and, to a leaser estent. Exploration and Production achieving lower sales due to warmer than normal weather. Although sales in the lariff sector of the UK Gas se remained abead of 1991 on a season diusted basis, sales to the firm contract market we's sharply lower as compatitors increased their share of the market. The profit outcome for the full year is likely to be lower than 1961 unless the realber pattern in the period September - Deci

very much colder than seasonally normal. From a regulatory standpoint, the Company has experienced numerous significant changes since privatisation, leading parties this year to an ement with the Office of Fair Trading on a wide pe of changes to restructors the UK Gas meiness in order to essist competition further Various undertakings in respect of the restructarion needed to be implemented in agreement with either the Office of Fair Trading or alternatively with the office of Gas Supply, and it became apparent that office of Gas Supply, and it became apparent that of a sumber of issues, in particular the rate of rature on the gas transportation system, there was no possibility of a satisfactory agreement being reached with the Office of Gas Supply. The Board look the view that a comprehensive and independent inquiry by the blosopolies and Margers Commission (MMC) was the only way to betance the needs of the

Company's customers, shareholders, suppliers and employees and accordingly on 31 July asked the . President of the Board of Trade for an MMC review of the whole of the UK Gas Susiness. The inquiry was and industry and its

enable the Company to plan with confidence for the medium and tonus activities of the Company continue to be developed and on I laty we were describe announce that our Exploration and partnership with Agip, the Italian State of company, had won the como hat not the competition for the right to inspeciate accinately, with the Government of Kazakhatan to purchase the mearing of the Karachapanak of and ges condensate field, one of the largest in the world. We and our italian perspers will now enter into the cursion with the Kazakh authorities with the sie: to reaching full agreement by mid-1982. If the negotiations are successful, the Company's oil and gas reserves would be doubled and the opportunity

On a personal apre, I was pleased to assounce last month the appointment of Ceptic Brown as Chief Executive with effect from 1 August.

Dividend
The Board has declared an interim dividend of 6.4 per ordinary share. The 1992 interim dividend s not comparable with 1991 as a result of the change in accompling reference data from 31 March to 31 December in 1991."

Robert Syans, Chelestes, Stifftst See plc. 25 August 1992.

shate will be paid on 16 December 1992 to: shareholders on the register at the close of husiness

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By Our City Staff rejecting the offer", which significantly undervalued assets and prospects. Shareholders were advised to take no action. The Gibbs family and the board own 58 per cent of

But Stephen Bellamy, a director of BIL Consultants (UK). Brierley's UK subsidiary, said: "We believe that Gibbs Mew has repeatedly failed to deliver on its opportunities, as is shown by its disappointing record. Unless appropriate action is taken to address Gibbs Mew's weak market position and poor

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claimed that Gibbs Mew's performed the brewing and between January 1, 1989, and ment in property had harmed its brewing interests.

In the year to March 31, Gibbs Mew made pre-tax profits of £633,000 (£673,000) on turnover of £20.1 million (£17.4 million) and earnings per share of 1 i.9p (1 lp).

STOCK MARKET

Sterling weakness punishes shares

INVESTORS in the equity market had to contend with another turbulent session as pressure for a rise in bank base rates increased. Further weakness in the pound and bearish news combined to drag prices lower. At one stage, the FT-SE 100 index was down another 50.5 points, before eventually rallying to finish 30.1 points lower at 2,281, a two-day fall of 84 points.

Trading remained thin and nervous, with the turnover of 537 million shares swollen by a £140 million programme trade carried out the previous evening by Smith New Court. The market-makers remained in full control. marking prices sharply lower every time the latest rumour or piece of bad news found its way into the marketolace.

An early rumour, originating from the options market. suggested that Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, had resigned. This was quickly denied by the Bank of England. Then came the news from France that one of three polls on the Maastricht treaty referendum indicated a "no" vote, the others being margin-

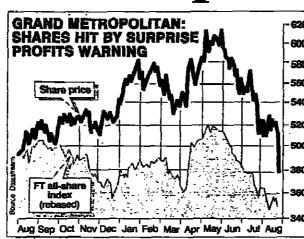
This put renewed pressure on the pound, which briefly dipped below 2.79 marks, adding to the flow of opinion suggesting that a rise in interest rates was imminent.

The activity in the foreign exchange market also pulled the rug from under the futures market, which fell to 2,269 before rallying. Sentiment was also dented by an opening fall of about 20 points on Wall Street. The Dow Jones industrial average later managed to claw back its earlier losses. This also enabled London to recover some of its poise before

Leading shares, especially those with a dollar flavour, again came under the hammer. ICI fell 15p to £10.74. Glaxo 12p to 689p, Wellcome 12p to 792p and Courtaulds

23p to 429p.
Dealers also had to contend with several profit warnings from leading companies. British Gas dropped 9p to 236p after cutting tariffs to its 18 million domestic customers by a further 2 per cent and giving a warning that pre-tax profits for the full year are likely to fall short of those achieved last

The news coincided with a 29 per cent drop in net income to £637 million in the first half after the company dropped



into the red during the second quarter, Chairman Robert Evans there would be a profits shortfall unless consumption was boosted by colder weather

for 1992 will be virtually in line with last year's figure of £950 million. It blamed the recession and the weaker dollar. The forecast was made

Shares in BAA, the independent airports operator, were unchanged at 655p, helped by a buy recommendation from Bikuben-Whitefriars. The broker is forecasting pre-tax profits for the current year of £290 million (against £192 million) and above-average earnings growth.

this autumn. Grand Metropolitan, the drinks and food group, tumbled 34p to 378p, also after issuing a warning indicating that pre-tax profits

after the group announced a \$600 million fixed-rate, debtrefinancing operation. GrandMet has promised to pay a final dividend of 7.7p.

making a rise of 8.4 per cent. But this failed to impress brokers, who had already pencilled in pre-tax profits of about £1.1 billion. The board met BZW at lunch to outline its position. Kleinwort Benson, the broker, remains a buyer of GrandMet and rival brokers, County NatWest and Smith New Court, are urging their clients to take advantage of the weakness to buy the shares.

The riews from GrandMet also hit the rest of the drinks sector, with Bass easing 7p to 495p in the wake of a downgrading by Kleinwort Benson. There were also falls for Allied-Lyons. 12p to 560p, Greenalls, 14p to 333p, Scottish & Newcastle, 8p to 415p, Vaux Group, 7p to 153p, Whithread A, 13p to 377p.

The one bright spot in the drinks sector was Gibbs Mew, the USM-quoted regional brewer, which jumped 15p to 198p after a bid approach from Brierley Investments, headed by Sir Ron Brierley, the New Zealand business man. He plans to offer 200p a share and already owns a stake in the company. But the Gibbs Mew board, accounting for 59 per cent of the

shares, rejected the offer.

its toll on British Steel, down 25p at 495p as County NatWest reiterated its bearish stance. County warns that a depressed dollar will result in prolonged economic stagnation in Europe and also make it difficult for European pro-ducers to reverse the trend in steel prices.

Meyer International, the timber and building supplies group, fell 13p to 243p. There is talk that one leading broker is warning clients today of a cut in the dividend.

The insurance composites remained under a cloud as Hurricane Andrew continued to wreak havoc in southern American states.

Insurance claims are expected to soar, with one estimate putting the damage in Florida at more than \$20 billion. There were losses for Commercial Union, 5p to 448p. General Accident, 8p to 409p. Guardian Royal Exchange, 3p to 126p, and Sun Alliance, 7p to 217p. But Royal Iosurance, which fell sharply on Monday on suggestions that it had the biggest exposure to America, rallied 3p to 148p.

MICHAEL CLARK

Consumer report hits shares in New York

lower in choppy, late-morning trading after an unexpectedly weak consumer confidence figure for July and some bearish news for the dollar erased earlier gains. The Dow Jones industrial average slipped 8.17 points to 3.220, having been as low as 3.207 and as high as 3,235.

☐ Tokyo — Prices ended lower in seesaw trading, with the Nikkei index fluctuating. The Nikkei fell 247.19 points, or 1.49 per cent, to 16,380.77. Turnover dropped to about 400 million shares, compared with 564 million on Monday. ☐ Frankfurt — An atmo-

WILL STREET

New York - Shares were sphere of gloom sent the market plunging another 2 per cent to a new 18-month low. The Dax index fell 29.83 points to 1,468.91, its lowest close since February 8, 1991. ☐ Hong Kong — Shares finished lower on a renewed bout of overseas selling that wiped out earlier bargain-hunting efforts at midday. The Hang Seng index ended down 99.44 points, or 1.84 per cent,

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at 5.291.49. Sydney — The share market closed at its lowest level in 14 months. The all-ordinaries index fell 22.2 points to 1,517.3, its lowest close since June 28, 1991.



GrandMet finds itself running to stay still

AS one of Britain's biggest dollar earners, GrandMet's trading statement served as a timely reminder that the forthcoming reporting season may contain some unpleasant surprises from the other side of the pond.

Sir Allen Sheppard's warning that pre-tax profits in the year to end-September were likely to be around last year's figure of £950 million, rather than the £1 billion plus that the stock market was hoping for, was enough to knock 33p off the share price and was a significant contributor to the FT-SE 100's pre-Wall Street fall of 30 points. Where GrandMet leads, others are likely to follow.

The warning accompanied news that GrandMet was prudently converting another \$600 million of short-term GRASEBY has changed its debt into fixed-rate, long-term spots since it was Cambridge securities. The refinancing GrandMet's £2.4 billion borrowings that mature in more than five years rises from 15

per cent to over 25 per cent. Prudent the refinancing may have been, but it was overshadowed by the trading update. The good news was that sales at Pillsbury, the American food subsidiary, were 7 per cent up on a year

margins. particularly Green Giant, the frozen and tinned food business, are under massive pressure, hit by an over supply of vegeta-

bles and a price war. Also hit hard has been Pearle, the eye care group, where reports of a spring recovery in sales are likely to prove expensively short-sighted. In Britain, Chef & Brewer continues to be hit by a recession that has seen beer sales fall 10 per cent in parts of the South-East.

At 379p, the shares are on a price/earnings multiple of over 12, which with dividend cover of 2.5 times and interest cover of over 10 times, looks attractive.

Graseby

Electronics Industries, and boards several potentially profitable, and promising, product developments.

The group acquired Tace and Goring Kerr in 1991, and is a leader in the field of identifying foreign objects in food — a growing market under tougher health legislation. Graseby is working on the definitive detection of Semtex, the explosive, while



Dollar earner: Sir Allen Sheppard of GrandMet

its expertise in emission monitoring, widely applied within the pulp and paper industry, is now being deployed in American utilities with a clean-up budget of \$100 million. But the end of the Gulf war and reduced world tension have inevitably checked the group's defence profits. The general recession has also taken its toil.

Pre-tax profits at £4.56 million for the six months to end June compare with £5.08 million previously. The inter-

MAJOR INDICES

im dividend is held at 3.3p a share but year-end profit forecasts have been lowered and nagging doubts about this vear's final have surfaced. Because interest cover is a respectable five times, Graseby is relaxed about gearing which is likely to be 70 per cent at year end. Property sales, asset disposals and a reduced head count will assist costs, and if certain defence

contracts are won the year's outcome may not be so dull. But some profits setback is inevitable, and £9.5 million against £10.3 million would leave a maintained 10.9p dividend thinly covered. At 133p, down 34p, the 10.9 per cent yield lends some support to a share that will shine once economies improve.

Bridon

THERE must be a touch of tax profits and boosted earnings per share to 1.3p (0.2p). Doncaster manufacturer of wire rope products, which has quite innocently been caught up in corruption inquiries in Italy. Not that Bridon has done anything wrong far from it. But it seems that Italian contractors, fearing they may not be paid if inquiries into alleged corrup-tion by Italian public officials bear fruit, have put their

orders with Bridon on hold. As far as John West, the chairman, is concerned, this in part explains Bridon's lack of headway. Pre-tax profits improved to

£700,000 (£100,000) in the half year to end-June on turnover of £162.5 million (£161.6 million), but the gains do not reflect any easing of the gloom. Sales are down in Sweden, America and Australia. The only solution, it seems, is to sweat it out while doing a bit of pruning. Staff numbers were reduced 13 per cent to 4,700 at a cost of £4 million in the last financial year, and the company says more cuts are inevitable.

Ironically, it is lower redun-dancy costs of £500,000 in the past six months - compared with an exceptional item of £2.7 million last time — that are behind the gains in pre-The interim dividend falls to 1.25p (2.5p) a share. Bridon expects to be one of the last out of the recession, so share-

holders are in for a long wait. The company is expected to make £2 million for the year and pay a total dividend of 4p, putting the shares on a new prospective yield of 9.5 per cent at yesterday's price of 56p, down 1p.

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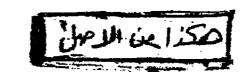
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umer report es in New Franc and lira in ERM trouble too

hould the French vote "non" to the Maastricht treaty, John Major and Norman Lamont seem likely to face a simple alternative either they raise interest rates or resign. Even with nearly four weeks to go before the referendum, opinion polls showing the French equally divided sent a simple message to the foreign exchanges to buy marks. pushing sterling within a pfennig of its limit against the key currency and even nearer its limit against the Belgian franc. The Chancellor has absolutely rejected leaving the ERM or devaluing sterling within it. The prime minister has committed himself to maintaining a DM2.95 central parity whatever happens to other currencies. The market, however, thinks the by the pound's rate against the mark is commercially

The trickier question facing Major and Lamont is whether to rely on the reserves or raise interest rates temporarily before the referendum. Since the government is so wholly committed to sterling's parity, the Bank of England should regard buying pound: with the foreign exchange reserves as offering, eventually, a certain profit. The Bank was buying selectively yesterday rather than mounting large-scale support. If sterling fell to its limit, the Bank can borrow virtually without limit from the Bundesbank and other ERM central banks to fulfill its obligation to buy, but only for three months. The risk is that an eventual interest rate rise might have to be larger and reserves would be depleted.

The Chancellor's potential trump card, however, is that sterling is no longer the only ERM currency in trouble. The lira, weakest of the currencies in the narrow band, is right up against its cross limits in the grid and the French franc is also entering the danger zone. A French non would almost certainly trigger a run to the mark against the currencies of all ERM countries outside the closely linked Benelux countries. They should press the Bundesbank to take the referendum risk with a temporary cut in German interest rates. If the Germans say no, they will have to face a flood of marks created by intervention that will need to be sterilised. They will also be shown to be inviting, in the most positive way. French rejection of the treaty. The Bundesbank may be independent. It is not meant to act as a political force.

Humble gasmen

ritish Gas, in the limbo of a full monopolies Commission enquiry, sought to please every-one yesterday—its shareholders with a decent dividend increase and its customers with a further price cut that need not have been brought in until sometime next year. Even Cedric Brown, the new chief executive, conceded yesterday that British Gas's traditional image of being "bureaucratic, slow to change and averse to competition may be based on some reality". He expressed no doubt that the company will change in the future.

In the hands of the monopolies commission it almost certainly will, but the regulatory inroads lready show. British Gas, unlike the electricity industry, was privatized in one huge lump and sold itself in the prospectus as the "largest integrated gas supply business in the western world". But the giant is being humbled and 30 per cent of the industrial supply market has already been lost. Mr Brown said that British Gas was "not risk free". He identified the risks as weather, competition and recession. However, the cost cutting will have to go on hold. He said that for the next nine to twelve months British Gas would be "fiddling around the edges in terms of cost cutting, which is unfortunate because there are things we need to do and should be doing". Despite the handicaps he looks certain to make the best of what the monopolies commission leaves behind.

After 200 years, WH Smith still seeks ways to fulfil its potential

William Kay takes a

close look at the

problems, created by competition, recession

and diversification,

facing the retailer

oday, WH Smith is the latest leading retailer to report on how it is weathering the recession. It does so against a steady trickle of selling that has taken the group's share price dangerously near to its low point for the year.
The reasons for investor anxiety are

not difficult to fathom. As the country's premier retailer of small houries and postponable necessities, it is more exposed than most to the hrunt of the recession. And since the 1960s it has had to fight an increas-ingly tense struggle with competitors whose greatest advantage is that they have not been around for 200 years. These pressures are only exacerbar-

ed by its other activities: newspaper wholesaling, office supplies, do-ityourself stores and American hotel and airport shops. Paul Morris of Goldman Sachs, the analyst with arguably the closest knowledge of the group, says: "They are tied to the economic cycle and that is still pointing downwards."

Sir Simon Hornby, the group's one to be bogged down in short-term considerations, however. "If you look at our business overall, I feel very optimistic," he insists. "We are in a deep recession, but I see growth potential in all our businesses. You have to have the confidence to say that on the other side there is a bright future. I never believe in doing things if you don't see a bright future."

Sir Simon, an elegant product of Eton, Oxford, Harvard and the Grenadier Guards, has presided over one of the most difficult decades in the group's history. His family is intimately tied up with that history: his grandfather joined the firm 99

The company's tale is a long and romantic one — it celebrates its bicentenary this year. The Times, founded seven years earlier, was leading the huge expansion of the London press at that time, effectively creating the newsagents' trade.

That prospect attracted Henry and Arma Smith, parents of William Henry, the eponymous WH. Theytook a shop in Little Grosvenor Street and established what was then termed a newswalk - the equivalent of today's paper round. Henry died within a fortnight and William Henry was only 24 when Anna died. W H rapidly expanded the operation, branching out into other parts of London and later seizing on the opportunity to establish bookstalls on station platforms when the railway network was laid down from the 1840s onwards.

So Smith was one of the first national retail names to be embedded in the British public consciousness. The timing of the company's



Long-sighted: in spite of the recession, Sir Simon Hornby, W H Smith chairman, sees a bright future

most important growth imbued it with Victorian values of honesty and reliability that served it well, at least for the first half of this century.

However, by the 1960s Smith began to look stuffy. It was where the aunts and uncles of the new generation of shoppers bought bland and inoffensive cards and presents for their nieces and nephews.

So the group embarked on a series of takeovers designed to widen its appeal. The strategy was that the Smith chain would retain its longlasting qualities of dependability, even if it was a shade predictable, while tapping trendier pockets by acquiring Our Price, Paperchase, Waterstone's and Virgin Records.

"The record of the company is one of great potential unfulfilled," says Zak Keshavjee, of Williams de Broe, the stockbroker.

Sir Simon said: "People say that WH Smith is accident prone, but we're prepared to try new things and take risks, in a way that manufacturing companies are always trying new products and failing, often at a heavy cost. The public never see that, but unfortunately in retailing it's difficult to disguise it."

Critics point to Waterstone's as a symbol of how the Smith management was losing its touch. Tim Waterstone had joined Smith in 1973, after earning his marketing spurs with Allied Breweries. He rose to be chairman of W H Smith (USA) three years later. He fulfilled every frustrated executive's dream by starting a chain of bookshops in competi-

tion with Smith — and in 1989 they paid him the ultimate compliment of buying a controlling 50.5 per cent of Waterstone's for £9 million. s Sir Simon puts it: "Tim Waterstone developed an imaginative approach to

specialist bookselling, and the merger will create a bookselling business of the highest quality. What we didn't see, which Tim did, was that if you have the very big shops you get the sales."

The threat of a price war is also hanging over Smith's traditional book business, thanks to the cam-Inevitably, as Smith is a group that paign by Terry Maher, the chairman

bookshop chain. Smith is quietly gaining valuable experience of a free market in books, through its American operations, while stoutly oppos-ing Mr Maher in Britain. Prices have had to go up in the States," reports Sir Simon, "so that

of Pentos, to break the net book

the shops can then discount them. I'm quite clear that what the public ability. Why I'm so opposed to the end of the NBA is I know it will put prices up."

He sees little change in the formula

magazines, books, stationery and music, although he bemoans the current stagnation in popular music. within ten years of Sir Simon's age — 57. Elton John is 45. Even the topselling Michael Jackson is a relatively sound coming through." Sir Simon says, "but that will evolve. Suddenly there'll be a burst of new sounds. So it's going through a difficult stage, which is really driven by technical change and fashion, and there's been a temporary blip in the prime buying age of 16 to 24. But I'm very confident of the music market in the long term, I really am."

to cope with a revolution in another core business: newspaper wholesaling. Distribution has been the hidden lifeblood of Smith, dating an activity Smith withdrew from long ago. Until the late 1970s distribution accounted for more than half the group's turnover. But it was strongly unionised and dependent on the

When Rupert Murdoch took his newspapers, including The Times, to Wapping in 1986 he had to establish a distribution system that was unionfree. So he signed contracts with road hauliers, principally the Australian-owned TNT and BRS Newstlow, part of NFC. Other newspaper publishers followed suit, giving them a much stronger position in negotia-tions with distributors like Smith.

Consequently, the publishers increased their profit margins at the expense of wholesalers, who also had to invest to compete. In Smith's case, the bill was £24 million for sophisticated new information systems and a reshaped distribution network. In the long run, this should pay good dividends, for computerisation a closer analysis of sales trends and retailer behaviour - valuable information that can be used and sold. "A hundred years of change has been telescoped into five years," says Bob Simpson, managing director of W H

Sir Simon's next, and possibly last, major project is to decide whether Smith ought to expand into other parts of Europe. "We're looking at it very carefully," he confirms, "probably as a joint venture for each country." Shareholders will be hoping that this project works out more happily than some of Smith's other attempts to stay ahead of the game.

Shotgun shopping

From Mr Bernard Keeffe

Sir. Mr Miller rightly points out that British banks high

Drinkers' dividend

LE V MARKETS

A CHANGE of strategy by Robert Fleming last autumn is about to pay unexpected divi-dends for City drinkers. Louise Mayo, the former top-canning member of Fleming's UK and European convertibles and UK warrants team, which was closed just more than a year ago, is making an unusual comeback. Mayo, who is reputed to have earned close to £150,000 a year at Flemings, is now based in Hong Kong where she has been setting up a similar desk for Standard Chartered. She flies in to London later this week, however, for the opening of Flowitts, a. new drinking hole in Cannon Street, which she is launching with Tony Marshall, formerly of Prudential-Bache, and Graham Flowitt, former manager of Balls Brothers wine bar in the Great Eastern Hotel. "It is not a pub and not a wine bar," says Mayo. "It's a rare combination of both." The new venue is close to the futures and options exchange at Cannon Bridge and near James Capel's new offices, an unexpected benefit for Mayo, who worked for Capel before joining Fleming and who is looking forward to a reunion with her former colleagues.

I reaty sells

THE British may not be as interested in Maastricht as the French, but there is interest in the UK, according to David Pollard, a computer boffin, and Susan Nelson, a sculptress, who have independently published and sold 3,500



copies of the treaty at £3.50 each. Both ardent anti-federalists - Nelson stood for the Anti-Federalist League in the election. Pollard believes WH Smith, which has declined to take copies, "could sell 20,000 easily". Meanwhile, he has scored something of a coup in getting PC Plus, the computer magazine, to give away free copies of his disc of the treaty in its next issue.

Low key budget

THE Danes might have shaken financial markets with their Maastricht vote, but their budget has passed unnoticed. Henning Dyrmose, the finance minister, made the annual budget statement on Monday under an embargo prohibiting mention of it in the press until the following day. Whereas such a move would be unthinkable in Britain, where the Chancellor's statement is pounced on by the City, the Danish budget got by without a single breach of the embargo and, moreover, bare-

ly a mention in the world's press after the embargo was lifted. At hunchtime yesterday, even Kjeld Peterson, the economic counsellor at the Danish embassy in London, had failed to catch sight of his government's statement. According to Peterson, the statement is always issued in August, when everyone is on holiday. and politicians do not debate it until the autumn. "I expect I'll probably be sent a copy by the end of the week," Peterson

Radio foresight

WAS Radio 4 tipped off about this week's changes at the TSB? After inviting main banks to put forward panelists for its Called to Account programme last Friday, the programme selected only one guest who was not a managing director or equivalent Peter Ellwood, then head of retailing banking and insur-ance at TSB and now the bank's chief executive. Keith Vass, editor, denies he had inside knowledge, but is clearly adroit at picking his guests who last week included Sir John Quinton, of Barclays, just after Barclays' terrible results. Vass says: "Lloyds and National Wesminster categorically refused to put anyone forward for the live audience discussion but the TSB just said the chief executive wasn't available." Having seen Ellwood, 48, in action, Vass's first impressions, he says, are that he is "young but impres-sive. He fielded the questions

pitch for his bank."

well and made a very good

BUSINESS LETTERS

Backing Cadbury can spread high standards of corporate governance up to: the Code of Best Practice accounts. Cadbury rightly sees From Mr Maurice Hunt alone, or the Cadbury Comhis Code of Best Practice as a Sir, Robert Bruce's faint praise checklist for board and invesof the CBI clearly does not minee's accompanying recomextend to the corporate sector mendations and explanatory

memorandum as well? They

do not all say exactly the same thing; and before we knew it

there would be calls for inter-

pretative notes and authoritative rulings. Shareholders might think there were better

ways for senior management

and their advisers to spend

in his piece on the Cadbury Code (August 13). Unfortu-nately, his lack of goodwill (in the non-accounting sense) seems to be based on a number of misunderstandings. The CBI believes that disclosure of an annual compliance statement such as a Stock

Exchange listing obligation would be an expensive aid to compliance. Boards accustomed to the Yellow Book know that statements issued without meticulous care can seriously damage the health of a company and its shareholders. For that reason, chairmen would probably have their compliance statement checked by lawyers; and they in turn would want to know exactly

what directors were signing

their time. Governments cannot legislate for good corporate gover-nance, but shareholders, nance, but shareholders, especially institutional ones, can insist upon it if they choose to; and there is growing evidence that they now do, when they believe that changes in board structure or operation are needed. Pressure for compliance is

more likely to come through this route than a formal statement in the annual report and

Tenants should see the draft lease first

From Mr Edward Beaumont Sir. May I add something to the letters (August 13 and 19) about the terms of commercial leases and the duration and extent of the liability of tenants and guarantors.

It is open to prospective tenants to insist -- before even viewing a property - on seeing the draft lease, and/or on receiving an unqualified letter from the landlord stating that he is willing to grant a lease having certain basic features (such as a three-year term with tenants' option to extend), and also confirming that if negotiations for a lease take place, the landlord will bear the cost of the fees charged by his own advisers.

There may never be a better time for tenants to start doing this. Most prospective tenants do not consult lawyers until CAROL LEONARD | the basic terms have been

fixed, though not necessarily understood. Being committed to pay the landlords' lawyers costs "irrespective of whether the matter proceeds to completion" is the negotiating equivalent of going into the ring with both hands tied behind one's back Yet tenants do it willingly. Moreover, it is convenient for the legal profession not to disturb the conventions under which landlords provide draft leases and tenants and their solicitors undertake to pay the costs: in particular, these conventions save actual mental effort (the documents being on the landlords' lawyers' word-

processor) and provide an

excuse to obtain monies on

account and thus avoid all

credit risk. Yours faithfully. EDWARD BEAUMONT. 43 Crofton Lane. Fareham, Hampshire.

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tors, which has to be applied in a way sensitive to companies individual circumstances, rather than as a close proxy for statute. To put it another way, the success of a board is more likely to be a matter of personal chemistry than something designed through a mecha-

nism such as a two-tier board. Independent directors may be a check and balance to a powerful individual or group of executives, but they ought to be much more besides, bringing a wider perspective and range of experience to the development of business strategy. While the two-tier board can

work in other business cultures, that is no reason to suppose that it would enhance company profits or avoid cor-

Industry. Centre Point, 103 New Oxford Street,

does best what it knows best, some of

its more ambitious forays have had to

be undone. It has pulled out of retail

travel shops within shops, and cable

Do It All, its DIY chain, has been

merged with Boots's Payless to form a

jointly owned third force. It is a

defensive move that may not be

"I think that bringing the two

companies together was strategically

the right thing to do," Sir Simon

argues, "because it's given us the

national coverage which neither com-pany had before. The market is

obviously very depressed, because the

housing market is depressed, and

people spend money on their houses

when they move. Because of that

there is intense price cutting, particu-

larly between B&Q and Texas. My

experience of price wars is that

eventually people see how futile they

are, and stop."

enough to beat the recession.

and satellite television.

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tained their economic success

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and adapting ideas from else-

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causing boards to look again at their composition and

If it is sensibly applied and

backed by institutional share-

holders, it will spread the

standards of corporate gover-

nance practised by the best

Deputy Director-General and

method of working.

Yours sincerely

Confederation

Secretary.

MAURICE HUNT,

Cadbury's draft report has

already been influential in

interest rates can hardly be said to increase consumer confidence (Business letters August 19). There is even stronger discouragement elsewhere. A spokesman for one of our largest retailers of electronic goods in a broadcast this week appealed to the government to reduce interest rates, which, he daimed, were discouraging customers from entering his shops. This chain at present charges 32.9 per cent on credit purchases. With inflation below 4 per cent, this represents a real charge of between 28 and 29 per cent. This perhaps could be described as a shot-in-foot situation. Yours faithfully.

BERNARD KEEFFE 153 Honor Oak Road,

Getting vexed over vexillology and flying the wrong flag of Japan

Sir. In the first column of Business Times (August 19) you have depicted what I can only assume you believe to be the national flag of Japan. In fact what you have shown

is the naval ensign, sometimes referred to as the "war This design was adopted on

November 3, 1889. The national flag of Japan is a simple red disc on a white ground which is usually called the Hino-Maru and was officially adopted on August 5, 1853, largely in response to the arrival of Commodore Matthew C Perry, of the

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PETER G. BARTLEET. 56. Burfield Road. Old Windsor.

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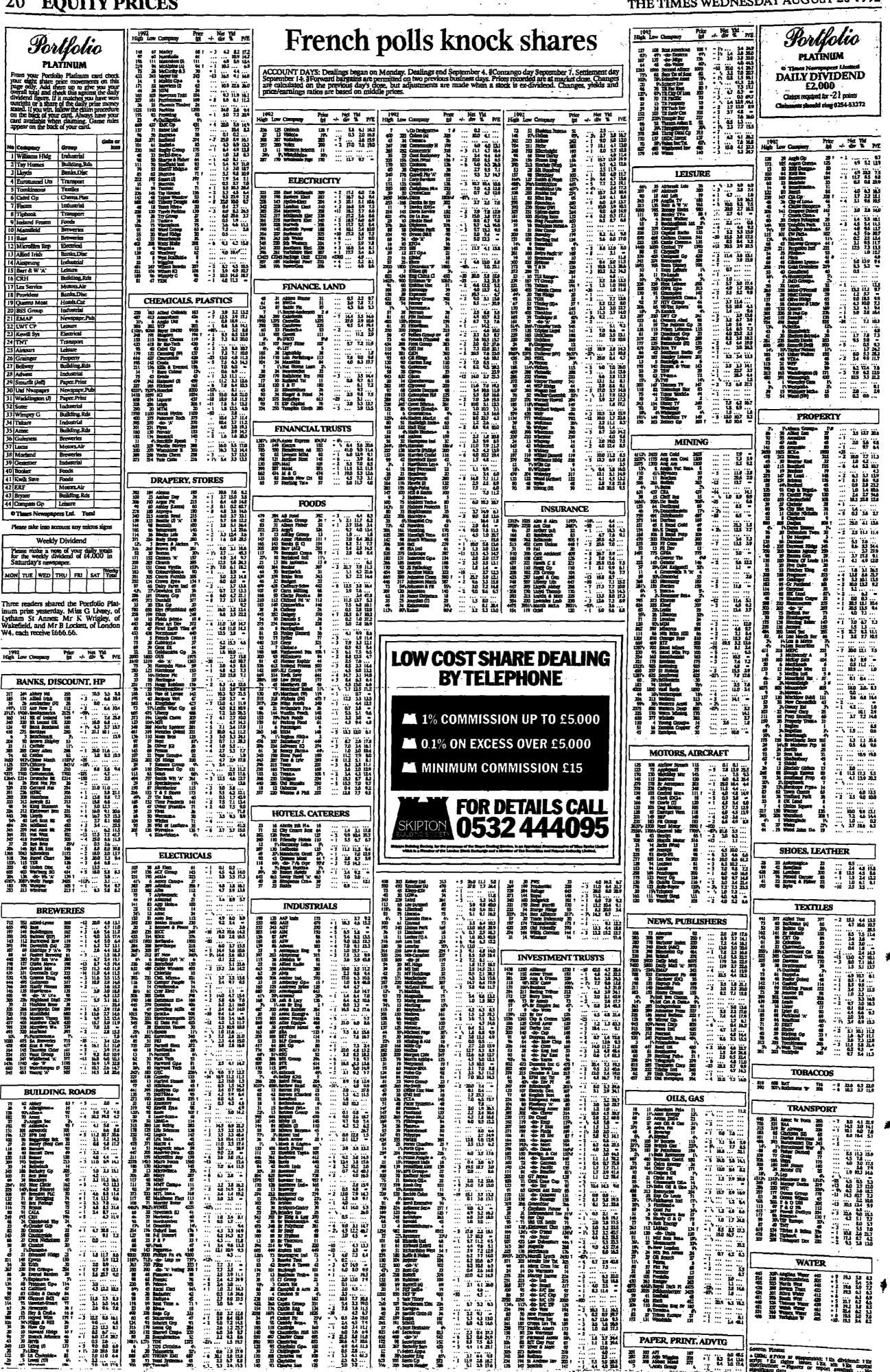
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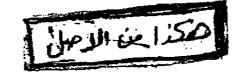
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The burden of the uniform business rate is too much for some owners, Chris Partridge reports

Vandalism in high places

roperty owners, already suf-fering from the effects of the slump in lettings, have re-sorted to "constructive vandalism", gutting their empty office buildings, to avoid having to pay the uniform business rate. Now, to escape local authority charges that can reach up to £1 million per year, owners of other empty offices are even threatening to wreck the facades of buildings in some prime central London sites.

At least six blocks in the City of London have been constructively vandalised by their rate-payers, so that technically they are unfit for occupation and consequently not liable for rates. So far, the damage has been limited to the interiors, by the removal of lights, kitchens, lavatories and any of the facilities that are legally necessary before office workers can use the premises. Externally, the buildings have been properly main-tained and the City has agreed that no rates can be charged on the buildings.

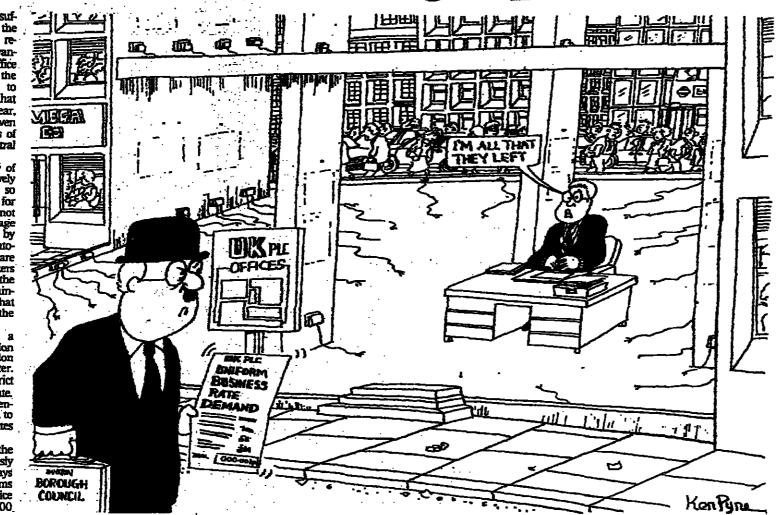
Now several developers plan a similarly destructive course of action on their buildings in other London boroughs, notably Westminster. However, they are finding district valuers less willing to co-operate. Therefore, the owners are threatening to destroy the exteriors as well, to make the case for zero rates unanswerable.

The next step is to take the windows out, which would seriously affect the appearance of streets," says a director of one of the property firms that has already gutted a City office building, saving more than £250,000

The rates bills faced by owners or tenants of empty premises can be very large. The business rate in the City averages £22 per sq ft, of which half is payable on an empty office or shop after it has been unoccupied for three months. "Property holders face sixfigure or seven-figure sums annually," says Michael Pattison, the chief executive of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, which is campaigning for the introduction of a rate for empty properties of 10 per

If a building is subjected to constructive vandalism, no rates are payable at all. But the expense of bringing the building back into commission if a tenant is found could be considerably greater.

Landlords also know that even empty buildings get the benefit of



other council services, and are prepared to contribute something. The last time there was an "empty"

rate for commercial and industrial premises was in the 1960s, but it was abolished in the wake of the controversy over Centre Point, the New Oxford Street skyscraper which remained empty for several years, as its owner, Harry Hyams, waited for a

The recessions of the 1990s in the manufacturing and distribution sectors have re-sulted in reductions of rates for empty factories and warehouses, especially after some factory owners

There are huge amounts of prop-erty that cannot be sold or let, and police protection, street lighting and many owners have problems meeting

went to the extent of removing roofs

from buildings to get zero rating.

the liability." Mr Pattison says. Buildings that have been subject to constructive vandalism in the City include Armour House, near St Paul's, owned by the St Martin's Property Corporation, which is sav-

The problem will increase over the next year unless something is done'

ing an estimated £800,000 a year; and Winchester House at London Wall, owned by Wates (City), saving about £280,000. So far, the "vandals" have been property companies, which would normally have redeveloped the buildings but have been

forced to postpone plans until business conditions improve. However, there are stories in the City that a leading industrial company is about to "vandalise" one of its main office blocks in order to save £1.5 million a

year in business rates. "There are any number of office buildings that were ripe for development but are now not viable, and there is no prospect of being able to let them for anything at all," says Michael Soames, a partner in estate agents Knight Frank &
Rutley. We see the problem
increasing over the next year unless
something is done. It does seem

slightly mad to be encouraging vandalism of expensive assets." Yet there has been very little official response to constructive vandalism.

In a written parliamentary answer

just before the Commons went into recess, Robin Squire, the environ-ment minister, said: "We have no plans to change the law governing the rating of empty property. Empty property benefits from local services and it is right that it should contribute to the costs incurred by local

"Property whether occupied or empty is rateable if it is capable of beneficial occupation. If owners judge it commercially advantageous to render property unusable, that is a matter for them." Mr Squire estimated that the lost rates from the vandalised properties in the City came to about £3 million a year, compared to a total rate income from empty property in England of about £600 million a year, an amount that will not be easily given up from local authority coffers.

MARKET MOVES

Venturing in Russia

BOVIS International is to begin work on its first project in Russia, Christopher Warman writes. The company has signed a joint venture agreement with the Moscow State Philharmonic Orchestra and the International Non-Government Foundation-House for Children-Orphans to redevelop three office buildings in central Moscow controlled by

the orchestra. The reconstruction, provid-ing 57,000 sq ft behind the existing façade, will also have scope for the construction of luxury apartments and will be ready for occupation by the end of 1993.

Half-full Bath

FUTURE Publishing, the Bath company that produces 20 national magazines, has leased all the 15,000 sq ft of offices on the upper floors of Seven Dials, Chartwell Heritage's new office and shopping scheme next to the

Theatre Royal.
John Mulholland, of the agent J.P. Sturge, said that it was probably the most significant office letting in Bath this year. The development is now over 50 per cent let, and negotiations are taking place on several of the shop units.

Gateway to Kent

THE architectural practice A & DG (Architecture & De-sign Group) has unveiled de-sign proposals for Ashford's planned international railway station which aims to provide

A & DG, the now largely independent part of the British Railways Board, plans steel, glass and polished concrete buildings providing 64,000 sq it of space covering both the international and local

stations. A & DG's previous work in-cludes the award-winning design of Liverpool Street

Bank on Thames

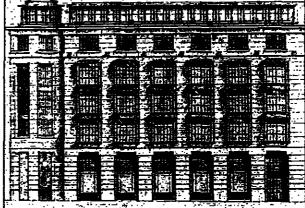
KUMAGAI GUMI, the Japanese civil engineering contractor. has let its entire 190,000 so ft development. Thames Exchange, north of South-wark Bridge in the City of London, to Midland Bank for the location of the Treasury operations of Midland Bank and HongkongBank, as well as the London office of stockbrokers James Capel & Co.

The letting is believed to the largest in the City, Jones Lang Wootton says.

Prime property LOOKING forward to a recovery in the market. Stanhope Properties and the Worshipful Company of Salters have signed an agreement for the redevelopment of Watling House, Cannon Street, in the City of London (pictured

Planning consent has been obtained for a new scheme providing 90,000 sq ft of offices with retail, designed by Arup Associates.

The property stands in a prime position in the City. bounded by Bread Street and Watling Street, and the agents Jones Lang Wootton and Knight Frank & Rutley, are seeking a pre-letting of the scheme, which offers the opportunity for the building to be tailored to individual needs.



A new lease of life: Watting House, Cannon Street

Time is right for investors to move into European market

Investors who stayed away from the commercial property market last year because of the fall in values could be ready to make some strategic purchases to take advantage of the end of the

Dr Angus McIntosh, the head of research at the consultancy, Healey & Baker, says in the newly-published 1992 European Investment Report that the most sought after proper-ties are no longer the landThe recession has stifled property

Christopher Warman reports, purchases now could pay dividends

mark buildings popular in the 1980s. These have proved vulnerable to loss of value during downturns. Proving more popular are the growth locations in markets that are

LITTLE more than a six-hit from The Oval cricket ground. Cobalt Square is a new office development in south London. A 119,000 sq ft scheme of five buildings, it is set around a half acre landscaped square, and is offered at £19.50 per sq ft by Bernard Thospe, on behalf of Price Waterhouse.

investment on the Continent, but as

ever, that the downside of the recession has been over-emphasised for those who invest on a medium to long-term basis. "The countries that have benefited have been Porperceived to have an increastugal and Spain and, to a ingly important part to play in the European Community. lesser extent, the UK and While Germany has been France, where there is a perthe main target for some time, ception that bargains are to be its popularity in the short term obtained despite relatively low levels of occupational

> The report also explains how countries will amend egislative practice to permit them to function fully within the EC. Italy, Portugal and Spain should, over the next iew years, remove artificial barriers and thus increase

> has suffered because of the difficulties in the country's

Dr McIntosh believes, how-

their investment appeal. There is already considerable demand for retail investments in these three markets which, "by international standards, are relatively immature in terms of major retailers and sophisticated real estate in-

Another investment report,

'Bargains can be obtained despite low demand'

from Jones Lang Wootton, concludes that with a few exceptions, notably Germany and Belgium, activity in Europe's main letting, development and investment markets has been slowing down, with little prospect of a significant upturn in the short term.

This provides an opportunity for occupiers and investors alike to exploit the reduced competition and more attractive pricing of the recession.

From the 25 property markets monitored in Jones Lang Wootton's Quarterly Investment Report the European Property Markets, the clearest trend has been rising yields, reflecting both the reduced prospect of rental growth and upward pressure in interest rates.

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decion, Jam Soffley, comes to the fore in Backbeat, about the **RUGBY LEAGUE**

French connection in Regal Trophy aims to boost game

By Christopher Irvine

THE efforts of the Rugby Football League (RFL) to ex-tend the borders of the game ed as a gimmick, rather than a genuine attempt to broaden and strengthen the game in the northern hemisphere. If are to include the introduction the French connection can of French teams into domestic competition, beginning with furnish a real competitive elethis season's Regal Trophy. ment, then the inclusion of Carcassonne, France's leadteams from France in the Silk

ing side last season, and the club which wins an early-season competition will appear in the draw for the Cut Challenge Cup is a possibility. However, the inability of the rugby league authorities to preliminary round in October. Both teams will play all their extend the horizons of the domestic league championship as far as Scarborough ties away from home. The French game is a poor the latest casualties after only a relation of rugby union and in urgent need of the stimulus year in existence — continues to defy the game's expansion-

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Michael Johnson, the Ameri-

can sprinter, says the illness that affected him before the

Olympic Games has left him

unable to finish the European

Johnson, who had tentative-

Increased funds

naments will be staged. The Pan-Pacific Open in Tokyo in February and the Virginia Slims of Philadelphia in Nov-

ember are upgraded to tier

Horse trials: Thirteen nations

have entered the 1992 Blen-

heim Audi international from

September 3 to 6. Among them are New Zealand's silver

medal-winning team from

Barcelona, and three of the

Great Britain team that fin-

Yachting: The first pan-Euro-

pean boat to enter the

Race will compete next year,

skippered by a Swede and sponsored by a Dutch com-

pany. The boat will sail under

the flag of the European

Squash rackets: Jahangir

Khan, who has been world

champion six times, will make

his return to the international

circuit in the World Open in

Johannesburg next month. He was forced out of the game

in February by a spine injury.

Rifle shooting: Eleven of the Fairfield Great Britain rifle

team were in the top 30 of the

first day's aggregate at the United States Palma individ-

ual matches in Raton, New

Jahangir back

In the top 30

High quality list

one tournaments.

EC sailors

that competition with British sides would provide. From the Hull and Bradford Northern are maintaining their interest in signing Deryck RFL's perspective, a stronger France would be beneficial not simply for the wider develop-Fox, the Great Britain scrum ment of the game, but also in half, although Chris Caisley, providing Great Britain with a the Bradford chairman, insisted yesterday that the club was narder edge to the two annual not prepared to sell Kari Fairbank, the international fixtures between the countries. Should the French clubs forward, to Leeds in order to become just a more exotic finance the purchase of Foxform of cannon fodder, the experiment could be interpretfrom Featherstone Rovers.

Warrington's ateman, the former Neath rugby union centre, is in hospital and will miss the first two weeks of the season after slipping discs in his back, lifting his eight-month-old daughter's bath water. Leigh are facing legal action over an alleged breach of

contract brought by Kevin Ashcroft, their former coach, who was dismissed in June after leading the club to promotion to the first division "I was promised a £3,000

bonus but my only reward was the sack." Ashcroft said. John Stringer, the Leigh general manager, said: We are satisfied Kevin was paid everything he was due."

Leigh will stage the championship match against War-rington on Sunday at their Hilton Park ground. Roch-dale Hornets have completed the signing of Cavill Heugh. the Leeds forward, from Australia, who originally rejected

domestic trophies last season, will be the only English club in

Europe next season as Thames Valley Tigers, the

league and cup runners-up last season, declined to enter

the Cup Winners' Cup. For financial reasons, Derby, London Towers, Worthing and Leicester all refused invi-

tations to enter the Korac Cup.

for Karl Brown's decision to

join Kevin Cadle's squad at Guildford. Trevor Gordon,

another English and British

international, has also re-

joined his former coach after

an unproductive season with

The two new Americans at

Kings will be Tyrone Shoul-

iormeriv

Birmingham, and Derek

Thompkins, both of whom

played in Austria last season.

Russ Saunders, Colin Irish

and Mike Griffiths, the de-

parted trio, are all looking for

new clubs. Joel Moore, the

BAC Damme in Belgium.

Leicester will be the weaker



Tolworth will see more of Kingston

By Nicholas Harling

KINGSTON (or Guildford Kings, as they are now known) have suffered the embarrassment of asking the Tolworth Leisure Centre to stage their first Carlsberg League home gaines next season. Since the club's move down

ly agreed to run at an international meeting in Koblenz, Germany, on Monday, has had to pull out. the A3 to Guildford has been delayed "to late autumn" by the finishing touches to the £29.5 million Spectrum Sports Centre, the Carlsberg League champions will be Tennis: Prize-money for the women's international circuit forced to stay put on their old will increase by \$8 million to \$33m in 1993, when 67 tour-

court for the time being. Their first home fixture, against Derby on September 19, is certain to take place at Tolworth, and the same will probably be the case for the games against Sunderland 4), Worthing (Octa ber 10), Leicester (October 17)

and Cheshire (October 24). The home European Cup tie with Kalev Talinn will, however, take place at Crystal Palace on September 17, and if the Kings progress to the second round they will face second round they will face Limoges on October 1, also in the National Sports Centre. former Kingston player, has left Stuttgart-Ludwigsburg in Germany and joined London

The Kings, who won all five Towers.

Eubank may meet Piper

BOXING

made a substantial offer to defend his World Boxing Org-anisation super-middleweight title against Nicky Piper, of Cardiff, before Christmas.

made a £225,000 offer to Eubank's manager, Barry Hearn, but was dismayed with

Hearn's response.
"Two months ago I first made the offer to Hearn. He contacted me to say that the fight could not take place

because Piper was not in the WBO's ratings," Warren said. "In the August ratings Piper appears at No. 8, so I made

"I was faxed a reply telling me that I could not promote Eubank but I was asked how

some thought to one or two

minor changes of approach.

Not to the coverage as a whole, which is excellent, but

to the late-night highlights watch to it, but my impres-packages, which many of us sion was that the two sides

CHRIS Eubank has been much I required for Piper to

fight him.
"I am willing to give
Eubank £225,000 and unless his manager can beat that, Chris should instruct Hearn to Piper's manager, Frank accept because a manager Warren, confirmed that he works for the fighter and is obligated to get the best deal." A spokesman for Hearn's Matchroom organisation confirmed that the offer had been made. "Eubank is concentrat-ing on his fight against Thornton. When that is over, and he is looking for a new opponent, Piper, because he is now in the ratings, could be the challeng-er." Eubank, aged 26, who has had eight world title bouts

in 22 months, defends his title That was only one victory in an unbroken run of 38 match in Glasgow next month against the American, Tony Thornton. wins which superseded Ste-

the old hands sweating "I've got no idea about statistics or records, but I do Phil Yates catches up

know that what I've achieved

is special. It's a great feeling

because I've now got a defi-nite psychological advantage over my opponents. I didn't expect to do quite as well."

It is true that on occasions

at Blackpool O'Sullivan has

faced indifferent opposition,

but his practice schedule, self-

discipline and behaviour, on

and off the table, have been

exemplary. In the six years

throwing a kunch table missile

at a holiday camp snooker tournament, O'Sullivan has

matured emotionally as well

O'Sullivan, from Chigwell,

has signed a management contract with Barry Hearn.

who is convinced that his

youngest dient will become

world champion. The book-

makers, Ladbrokes, concur -

they are quoting only 20-1 against O'Sullivan capturing

the game's premier title by

would sound like pie-in-the-

sky arrogance. However, he

said it with such deep-seated

conviction that it is difficult to

On his day away from competitive pressures, O'Sullivan, a naturally talent-

ed golfer, toyed with the idea of heading for the links. Instead, he decided to practise

for his match today in the last 128 of the Classic Interna-

Such a single-minded atti-

"I want to be world champi-

on and I think I

O'Sullivan said.

From any other player four

birthday, that

will be.

ince ne was ois

with the teenager

King of the castle: O'Sullivan has had little time for a rest at Blackpool

New kid on the black has

the teenaged American tennis player enjoyed her moment in the sun by winning gold at the Olympics in Barcelona, O'Sullivan has been demonstrative in the sun demonstrative who has been setting a fierce pace in snooker's pre-season

or precocity of talent, Ronnie O'Sullivan is

Jennifer Capriati. But while

strating his enormous mental

stamina within the less salu-

brious confines of the

Norbreck Castle Hotel,

While most 16-year-olds

ing for their first niche in the

job market or nervously await-

ing exam results, O'Sullivan

has been single-handedly ex-

ploding the myth that snooker

proficiency is a sign of a

Yesterday O'Sullivan en-

joyed a rare break from the

qualifying rounds of the forth-

most dynamic start to a

professional career since Alex

Higgins won the world

records to his ever-growing

the fastest victory in world

ranking events when he need-

ed only 43min 26sec to beat

Jason Curtis, of Blackburn,

Blackpool.

misspent youth

championship at

his first attempt

Inside the

impersonal 22-table arena in

Blackpool, O'Sullivan, who

in 1972.

snooker's equivalent of

qualifying marathon phen Hendry's 36 in 1990-1

as the longest unbeaten Throw in 17 century breaks

and 22 5-0 victories, and the stir that O'Sullivan has created within the game becomes understandable. Players with infinitely more experience than O'Sullivan are marvelling at how he has managed to sustain a high level of performance and concentration over such a lengthy

coming season's ranking events in which, playing a period. match almost every day for nine weeks, he has made the O'Sullivan's greatest asset is an insatiable appetite for the game and for competition. How else, through three days with a severe sore throat and

> The bookmakers are quoting only 20-1 against O'Sullivan capturing snooker's world championship title by 1997'

at 15 became the youngest two more when he was forced to wear a neck brace after player to compile a maximum break in competition, has cricking his neck, could he added two equally significant maintain an overall record portfolio. During the pre-qualifying rounds of the Rothmans Grand Prix last month, O'Sullivan completed

which reads: played 58, won 57.
"You're bound to get your share of bad days for one reason or another." O'Sul-

livan said. "It's a long time to be stack away from home but you've got to buckle through. I've won five or six matches here on bad days by simply having the will and determination to

tude is possessed only by potential champions. The flaws that result in disjointed television coverage

tional Open.

YACHTING

Deerstalker still in the battle to sink Little's chances

By BARRY PICKTHALL

CHRIS Little and his Bounder crew are the provisional winners of the Hardepool Renaissance Round Britain race. They battled their way back to Cowes shortly after midnight yesterday to secure the handicap lead over their close rivals, Bon Vouloir III and The Youth Challenge, skippered by Matthew However, Little and his

crew now have an anxious wait until 10am tomorrow to see whether Michael Taylor-Jones and his S&S 34 Deerstalker can better their time. The Deerstalker crew stole a surprising three-hour lead over Bounder after completing the third stage of this 1.860mile circumnavigation from Lerwick to Hartlepool. At noon yesterday, she was rounding the Norfolk coast, still 240 miles from the finish with her crew rebbing their hands at the prospect of strong winds again today.

We're in the hands of the gods," Little admitted yesterday. "If the weather keeps blowing as it has, they may

At one point during this final stage, the winds were touching 50 knots, forcing the Bounder crew to take down their mainsail for a time. But the conditions put paid to

Matthew Humphries' promis ing Youth Challenge This prospective Whitbread team had wanted reaching winds to pull back the three hour deficit they had lost to Bounder on the leg down from Lerwick Instead they had it blowing hard on the mose during the final section down the English Channel. "It took us 10 hours to cover the last 17 miles. The winds were blowing 45 knots across the deck and the boat was making all sorts of noises. We just had to slow down."

Homphries said when finishing at hunchtime yesterday. Whatever the final result, all crews, with the exception perhaps of the Colin Watkins-led Dump Truck team have enjoyed the race and hospitality at each port. "It has been the most frustrating and yet enjoyable race I have ever done," Little said. "It has all been very entertaining."

RED

Matters were less entertaining, however, for James Hat-field and his handicapped crew aboard Dolphin and the RAF team sailing Blue Dia-mond. Both yachts reported serious steerage problems last

ROWING

Mixed inheritance awaits new coach

By MIKE ROSEWELL, ROWING CORRESPONDENT

THE Amateur Rowing Association hopes to announce the appointment of a chief coach by mid-September. Britain went into the Olympic Games without anyone in the position and applications for the post closed this week.

Brian Armstrong, the international rowing manager, who has just returned from the lightweight and junior world championships in Montreal, spent some of his time in Canada talking to potential candidates, including leading Canada and America. All the European rowing federations were informed of the position. and certain individuals were

The new coach will inherit a pool of oarsmen of proven ability, although some of

them are reaching the evening of their careers if the next Olympics, in Atlanta, is the aim. To counter this, the British junior system contin-ues to thrust forward the Greg Searles of the world.

The advertisement-for-the coaching post required that the applicant should "possess good inter-personal skills and be a good leader", qualities which could be crucial despite the successes in Barcelona. after the appeals and niggles which featured in the four**year busic up to the Olympics.** As to what happens to the squad coaches and officials.

Armstrong said: "We are into a new ball game," although he admitted that Britain will still need someone between the chief coach and the appeals

FOOTBALL Premier League Barclays League

Leicester v Derby (ell ticket, 7.45) Coca-Cola Cup First round, second leg Bradford (I) v Scarborough (3)
Brighton (1) v Colchester (1) (7.45)
Huddersfield (3) v Sunderland (2)
Milkell (2) v Layton Orient (2) (7.45)
Stoke (1) v Preston (2)

Skol Cup Fourth round Dundee Utd v Rangers . Fellerk v Aberdeen Hearts v Cellic

Hearts v Cellic.

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Whenhoe v Cheshem. Second division: Hearth of the Vineral v Celler v Newbury. Leatherhead v Chersey. Third division: Horsham v Celler Row, Royston v Cove.

HPS LOANS LEAGUE Premier division: Bishop Audiend v Whitely Bay, Fleetwood v Southport; Winelord v Mossley, First division: Afreton v Montesper, Great Herwood v Workington: Great Herwood v Workington: Great Herwood v Workington: Great Herwood v Workington: Great Herwood v Workington: Great Herwood v Workington: Great ROMES LEAGUE Premier division: Cambridge City v Dover (7.45); Solfhull v Gloupester.

Tottenhem v Arsenal (2.0); West Hem v Bristol City (2.0). Second division: Birristol Rovers (7.0); Cardiff v Chellerihem; Seenas v Torquey; Ysovi v Boumerpouth (7.45). PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Uverpool v Sheffield United (7.0); Manchester United v Aston Villa (8.30); Notis County v Barnsley; Sunderland v Leste (7.0). Second division: Blackpool v Mansfield (7.0); Ghrinsby v Port Vate (7.0). McClesbrough v Migen (7.0); Sounthorpe v York (7.0).

LEAGUE OF BRELAND: League Cup: Cork CBy v Coh Remblers (6.30); Shelbourne v Bohennens, ULSTER CUP: Quarter-linet Ards v

Ornego.

NORTHERN LEAGUE CUP: Everawood v Derington CB; Murton v Crook, Shotton of Convexies v Langley Park; Willington v Chester Le Street, Sedfington Terriers v Consett; Brandon v Washington; Eppleton v Pateries Newtown.

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NORTHERN COUNTES EAST LEAGUEPremier dission: Deneby v Liversedge;
Exclamit v Stocksbridge PS; Suston Town v
Spannymore, Wireterton v Harrogate RA.

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LEAGUE: Premier dission: Brightingses v
Harvich and Pariceston: Chatters v
Websch; Histon v Herverhit; Stowmarket v
Convent

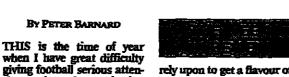
OTHER SPORT SNOCKER: Clearle International Open qualifying rounds (Blackpool). SPEEDWAY: Homelire Leegue: Second division: Long Eaton v Edinburgh, Chall-enge match: Poole v Danish Select.

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rely upon to get a flavour of a

tion perhaps they are having the same trouble at Old Trafford, However ropey the There are two problems. One was graphically illustratweather, August is not a month in which we should be ed in the third of the Texaco Trophy matches, the one that settled the series. A programme that genuinely inplaying football at all, it being the cricket season. Something should be done, as they say, but nothing will. tended to give us the highlights from Trent Bridge would have concentrated al-The dying embers of inter-national cricket are, at least, an opportunity to say some-thing about the television coverage of the great game and I hope the BBC will give

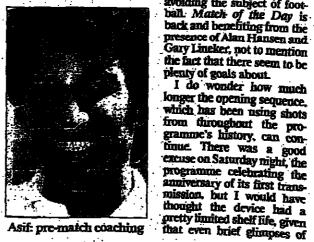
most exclusively on England's huge innings, and, in particular, the partnership between Graeme Hick and Neil Fairbrother. This was swash at its most buckling. Unfortunately, these protheir ways. I did not put a got something close to equal time. There was never a hope of Pakistan winning and, although England bowlers ond problem of the highknocking over stumps is a sight rare enough to warrant some attention, surely this was a golden opportunity to give over most of the 50 minutes to England's batting display, a classic of the oneday game.

Sadly, the attempt to be balanced produced disjointed coverage. The suspicion is that the television producers think stumps being blasted out of the ground make for stroke play, but I would appland the editors if they went for broke (and risked the wrath of opposition supporters, of whatever side) by

ond problem of the high-lights programmes, which is that they are under-cap-tioned. Too often one is left to guess at the identity of batsman and bowler, which is not as helpful as it could be. I can see that, given the sparse commentary favoured by Richie Benaud and Co (and me), there is a difficulty here, but I have the impression that captions (Wagar to Hick) are used less now than used to be the case. Can we

have more of them please? A third point that could use some attention is the question of the summarisers. Geoffrey Boycott comes over well and Ray Illingworth giving us a thorough look at avoids repeating what the what, in this case, was a main commentator has said

much to the sum of human knowledge in the Test series and one-day internationals.



Asif is a charming man who knows the game inside out, in the commentary box he needs a little pre-match coaching.

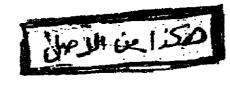
I suppose there is no avoiding the subject of football. Match of the Day is back and benefiting from the presence of Alan Hansen and Gary Lineker, not to mention the fact that there seem to be plenty of goals about I do wonder how much

longer the opening sequence, which has been using shots from throughout the programme's history, can continue. There was a good excuse on Saturday night, the programme celebrating the anniversary of its first transmission, but I would have thought the device had a pretty limited shelf life, given

Sixties action are pretty stale by now. But I dare say there are plenty of people with long memories who enjoy some spot-the goal fun. The other highlight of the PESE

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weekend, for a sad reason, was the coverage from Gatcombe Park on Sunday. Raymond Brooks Ward had died the previous day and what a loss he is to show jumping on television: Brooks-Ward gave spice and excitement to a sport in which I am not normally greatly interested. But Michael Tucker filled the breach admirably. One of the tributes to Brooks-Ward had described him as "irreplaceable", which is true in one sense. Tucker, however, should prove a worthy successor in the main commen-



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S FIXTURES

Progressive Retender to defy his Redcar burden

FOR a man who claims there is no great secret to winning Harden S handicaps, Luca Cumani has had at least his fair share of success. He can add to that with Retender in the Yorkshire Television Handicap at Redcar this afternoon. He is

Retender, unraced as a twoyear-old, put up a good perfor-mance when less than eight lengths behind King Olaf and Hamas on his debut at Newmarket in April.

However, he did not progress in the same way as those two, and it has been a case of patience for Cumani, which was finally rewarded when Retender came good in a claimer at Yarmouth two weeks ago.

Retender took the lead three furlongs from home to beat previous winner Edge Of Darkness by three-and-a-half

lengths. His main rival today could be First Bid but he has gone

up 8lb since winning at Bever-

ley earlier this month and may

have reached his limit. Retender is burdened with joint top weight but still looks too good for these. Cumani can make it a double with Olivadi in the Norton Food Supplies Ltd Maiden Auction Stakes. Olivadi made a promising

weakening in the closing stages when sixth, beaten sev-en-and-a-quarter lengths, be-hind lengths. hind Urry Urry Urry. Mary Reveley can also land a double with Amazing Feat and Grouse-N-Heather Ama-zing Feat needed a stewards enquiry to record the first victory of his career but looks

debut at York last month, only

capable of taking the Tetley Bitter Handicap. Having shown some potential in his juvenile season, notably when a good fifth at

Haydock in September, he was sent off favourite for his seasonal debut at Catterick earlier this month.

However, he finished threequarters of a length second, having been badly bumped in the final furiong by Black Boy. The latter was first past the post but was subsequently disqualified for causing inter-

Now Mrs Reveley, who has proved adept at placing horses, has decided to try this son of Petorius in handicap company. As usual this leaves the handicapper with little form to work on and he may have erred on the side of leniency against what look to be some well-exposed rivals. Grouse-N-Heather seeks

her fifth victory in the Runswick Bay Claiming Stakes and, judged on her latest performance at Pontefract three weeks ago, she is still on the upgrade.
On recent form Allimac.

obvious choice for the Newhaven Selling Handicap at Brighton but he may still be the pick of this field.

Allimac Nomis is racing off

a mark only 4lb higher than when he over today's course and distance in May. That, coupled with a return to selling company, could be enough to see him regain winning ways.
Snow Bluzard looked to

have more than a little in hand when winning at Folkestone last time out and can folkow up in the Rottingdean Handicap.
Having made most of the running, he quickened clear with a furlong to travel to beat Thimbalina by five lengths. Susanna's Secret, who had little answer to the challenge of the well-backed Indian Slave at Catterick last month, looks on the right mark to gain his first success of the season in the George Robey Challenge

Powerful Million challenge

A VINTAGE European contingent will fly to Chicago on Monday for the Arlington Million in an attempt to add to the successes of Tolomeo in 1983, Teleprompter in 1985 and Mill Native in 1988

(Richard Evans writes). Second Set, who would be suited by the forecast fast ground, will be joined for the hig race on Sunday week by Exit To Nowhere, Dear Doctor, Star Of Cozzene and Young Buster.

Other runners include Riv-er Verdon, Hong Kong's best horse, Golden Pheasant, winner of the 1991 Japan Cup, ner of the 1991 Japan Cup,
Tight Spot, who won the
Million last year.
Paul Kelleway is hoping
that John Rose, yesterday's
easy Brighton winner, can
join the Arlington challenge.
"Unfortunately, we are only
second reserve at the mo-

second reserve at the mo-ment," said Kelleway, who saddled Madam Gay to finish third to John Henry in the maugural running in 1981.

MANDARIN

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3.45 Susanna's Secret.

4.15 Brecon Bescons.

Cole critical of Eddery's Gimerack riding tactics

By RICHARD EVANS, RACING CORRESPONDENT

PAUL Cole spoke out yesterday about the riding tactics of Par Eddery which cost the champion jockey a five-day ban at York last week.

On the eve of Eddery's appeal before the Jockey Club. the champion trainer said: "Racing would be in chaos and someone would be hurt if people are allowed to push through horses like Pat did in the Gimcrack Stakes."

Eddery, who rode Silver Wizard, was suspended for careless riding when he at-tempted to force his way between Green's Bid and the eventual winner, Splendent, both trained by Cole. Silver Wizard finished second but was subsequently demoted to

"Pat is the champion jockey and my runners were drawn one and two at York. If he can't find another way of passing them, he should hang up his boots, or let his brother

2.15 Nest.

3.15 Anatroccolo.

4.15 Brecon Beacons.

3.45 Faynaz.

RICHARD EVANS: 3.15 ANATROCCOLO (nap). 3.45 Okt Comrades.

Paul ride.
"He broke the rules of

racing. We were drawn one and two. Why should Richard [Quinn, rider of Green's Bid] let him through. He took the back-end of my horse away. You can't do that in races.

"York is wide enough. There is plenty of room. It is not as though it was Bath. Everybody has to do their best but there was no gap to go through."

Cole said he was confident



Cole: confident

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3.45 GEORGE ROBEY CHALLENGE TROPHY (Handicap. £3,288: 6! 209yd) (18 runners)

the Jockey Club would today uphold the decision of the York stewards. "I don't think Pat has got a hope in hell."

If Eddery's appeal is turned down, his already remote chances of catching Michael Roberts in the jockeys' champ-ionship will have disappeared. Roberts currently leads by

22 (157-135) and is making a steady recovery from an injury sustained in a gallops fall a fortnight ago.

After taking a day off on Monday, Roberts returned for one ride at Brighton yesterday Blue Marine, a beaten odds-on shot. The South African has restricted himself to two rides at Brighton today. 'A knotted muscle under a shoulder blade is still niggling.

Roberts said. Luca Cumani and Frankie Dettori were the combination to follow at the Sussex course yesterday, landing a 25-1

devicance in latera race; Going on which frome has

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Trainer. Age and weight. Ruber plac any allowance. The Times Physics Handistapper's rating.

but I'm improving every day,

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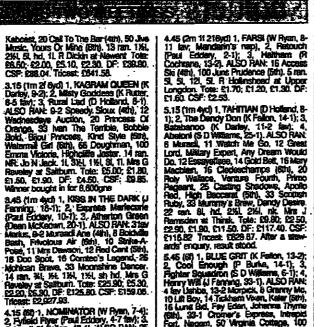
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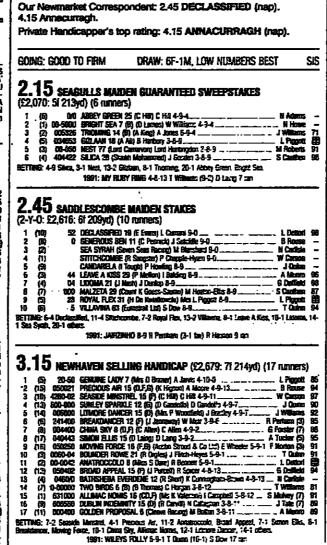
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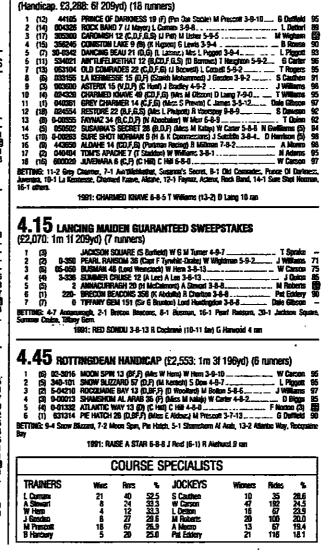
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The Fellow may tackle Hennessy

By RICHARD EVANS

THE FELLOW, runner-up in the last two runnings of the Cheltenham Gold Cup, could line up for the Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup on Novem-

Francois Doumen is eyeing the top Newbury race as the first big test for France's chasing star, who has recently come back into training following his summer break. Provided the seven-year-old is awarded a racing weight

to Newbury before preparing The Fellow to defend the King George VI Chase at Kempton on Boxing Day. Topsham Bay, winner of the Whitbread Gold Cup at Sandown in April, has also been pencilled in for the Newbury race by David

Barons. Topsham Bay is a picture and is looking a really exciting horse," Barons said yesterday. "I'm thinking of the Hennessy as his early target as he loves Newbury. But I will be hoping to get a run into him prior to that."



MANDARIN 5.30 Eau D'Espoir. 6.00 Padiord. 6.30 Play Tr 7.00 Lapiaffe. 7.30 Willesdon. 8.00 Merchant H THUNDERER 5.30 Wilco. 6.00 Cavak. 6.30 Play The Blu Lapiatie. 7.30 KADAN (nap). 8.00 Bayphia. 5.30 GO SPORT PLYMOUTH JUYENILE NA HURDLE (3-Y-0: £1.502: 2m 1f 110vd) (12 runne 5-4 Tyrone Payer, 9-2 Mittor Lodge, 6-1 Militon, 8-1 Eau D'Espoir, 10-1 Prysal Pricz, 14-1 Copy Lane, 20-1 Tout De Vall, 25-1 others. and there is good ground, Doumen will be tempted to go 6.00 RGB CONTRACTORS OF PLYMOUTH ING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,614: 2m 1f 110yd) 4-1 Pascord, 9-2 Yarbu, 11-2 Syppy Trad, 6-1 Lane Lad, 8-1 Dances Expression, 16-1 Afficers State, 12-7 Generation, 16-1 others.

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6.30 PLYMOUTH ALBION SQUASH NOVICES

New sponsor for festival hurdle

found for the long distance farlong, the race carries f25,000 in added prize-mon-handicap hurdle at Chehen-ham's National Homes for the farlong. ham's National Hunt Festival. The race, formerly backed by bookmakers Coral, will be known next March as the American Express Gold Card Handicap Hurdie.

ey and has been moved from the second to the first day. Entry will be open to any horse to have contested one of the qualifiers, which are run at Nottingham, Haydock, Cheltenham, Wincanton, Warwick



2.00 (7/214)d) 1, JOHN ROSE (Gay Kaleway, 6-4), 2, Blue Marina (M Roberts, 8-13 lav); 3, Chance To Dream (J Reid, 14-1), 3 ren. 251, 301, P Kelleway at Newmarket. Tote: \$2.10, DF: \$1.10, CSF: \$2.88. Tote: £2 10, DF: £1.10, CSF: £2.68 2.30 (1m 3f: 198)(d) 1, SHIRL, (P McCabe, 33-1); 2, John Shaw (Mick Denaro, 14-1); 3, Grydridae (H Bestimen, 9-2 toty); 4, Breezed Well (G Forster, 5-1); ALSO RAN; 5 Bastring Belle, 7 Micks; Tycooo, 15-2 Wayward Son, 8 Highterd Flame (6th), 10 Dr Zena (5th), 12 Pleasure Ahead, 14 Hills Of Hoy, 16 Soid Steel, 20 Excessio, 25 Marjons Boy, 25-1 Litheon Lufeby, 33 Irane Look, Rapid Rosie 17 ran, 19, 191, 19, 294, 194, 6 Charles-Jones at Wantage, Toter £56.40; £3.0, £2.50, £1.40, £1.60, DF: £7,348.00 CSF: £437.01, Tricost; £2.267 14 No Did. USF: E437.01. Tricent: 12.267 14 No Dril. 3.00 (8) 209-cj. 1. FiELD OF HONOUR (1. Detton, 174 459); 2. Surreat Street (1. Culim. 9-1); 3. Ideachaf (8 Raymond, 9-1). ALSO RAM: 6 Rast. Zone, 13.2 Helios (Birl.). 7 Shiring, Jasel (401), 8 How's Yer Felfrat, 9 Sterling, 12 Mogusel (501), 25 Gebblecht. 10 ren. 81; 11, nk, 134; 11, L Current et Novemerket. Tote: 52.80, 51.50, 51.90. 52.30. OF: 515.00. CSF 525.90. Ticset: 5161.53.

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64.80. DF: 88.40. CSF: 87.30.
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THE RESERVE A LIVE LAND

Alan Lee, Cricket Correspondent, considers the successes and failures of the first England manager

Stewart stepping down with his position assured

it an identity. That, perhaps, is the most fitting epitaph for Micky Stewart's six-year ten-ure as England cricket manager. The job was on trial as much as the man back in 1987, but as Stewart passes the baton to Keith Fletcher there is a meaningful silence from the malcontents who once wondered aloud what a manager could possibly do

that a captain could not.

If the time has yet to come when the public cannot recall an England team without a manager, I suspect this is now the case in the dressing-room, that territory where Stewart has dispensed support, advice and protection with a singleminded zeal which is at once his strength and weakness.

His tendency to put the team above everything, his personal health included, has created a national side of greater unity, purpose and

cess. His failure has been an occasional inability to separate loyalty from objectivity where his players are concerned, the enduring example of which is his complex about the dismiss-al of Mike Garting from the captaincy in the blood-letting

Stewart has sometimes had right on his side when berating the media, but in blaming them for Gatting's demise he is misguided. Gatting, as even some of his closest friends aver, should have lost the herring of the barmaid, for behaviour on the field, both his own and that of some of his players, which no dearteam manager should have countenanced. In any review of a revoluart, years for which every

nised, even improved, in so far as the rigours of training and playing are concerned, but Stewart was guilty, at least until Graham Gooch arrived as captain, of presiding over declining standards of conduct on the field.

He was, it seems, sometimes too close to the players, too keen to create an impression that whatever England might have done was nobody's business but the team's, and that those who criticised were, as one, malicious interlopers. His judgment has thus periodically failed him in mat-

restore Gatting to the captain-cy in 1989 (the veto of which must have brought him dose to resignation) and the wildeyed fracas with a New Zeahorrific injury to David Law-

ters such as the attempt to



Stewart was acting in what he thought were the best interests of the team and, however he may be criticised, I cannot believe he has ever acted

He has admitted telling half-truths for his team and, in its defence; he is open in



despising old pros who live and think in the past, and media men who seek to destroy rather than promote his

There are certain drawbacks to being a pioneer in any job,

Illingworth or David Brown. who were also interviewed back in 1986, had taken the

appointment.
Illingworth, certainly, would have been more auto-cratic and it is worth saying here that Stewart, high-profile though he was, never once usurped the ultimate authority of the captain, a principle be

Being an indefatigable man, however, Stewart managed to make it such an all-consuming occupation that, he now jokes, his wife. Shella, believes he works 13 months a

Bob Simpson, who has been doing similar duties for the Australian team over a slightly longer period, was once fond of saying that he aimed to do himself out of a job by making his team run so smoothly there would no longer be a need for

a manager. The concept found no favour with Stewart. for one of his targets was to make himself, or at least his

Proving the necessity for a of Stewart's proudest boasts. He was saying as long ago as 1988 that the fundamentally social nature of cricket in England was no longer any preparation for competing inas much, but while avowin that the village game should never alter, he has gone a substantial way towards distancing the national team,

forming an elite corps to take on the world. Not everyone approves, of course Stewart, and latterly the England committee under Ted Dexter, have offended many who would prefer the emphasis to remain on the gently festive side of county cricket. But Stewart is so

competitive a creature, and so plausible a campaigner, that

reforms he has long cherished. After helping to choose the winter tour teams, late next week. Stewart will take his visions into the development of youth cricket, leaving the senior side in different hands. chan

Do not expect Fletcher to be so visible, so vocal or so voluntarily active in the game's politics. Fletcher did not seek the job fearing he might miss his lovely old rectory home, his garden and his fishing, not to mention his beloved Essex.

missionary fervour in him which exides from Stewart. But there is the same abiding love of the game, the same familiarity Fletcher will do things his way, and there may be changes, but he will find the bulk of his

Late challenge could prove fruitless

cricketer can to some measure

Essex well placed to retain the title despite uneven run

THE last county championship in its confused form should be decided in the next week. Essex, though neither as consistent, nor formidable as of old, need a maximum of 48 points from their last four games to retain a title which none of the pretenders has looked capable of winning.

The hot favourites have blundered at many a hurdle, yet the pursuing pack has always kept a respectful dis-tance behind. Now, even a team coming with a late rush will almost certainly find the finishing line arrives too soon and Essex may well be champions again with two games to

Essex have a 24-point lead over Kent, having played one game fewer. Leicestershire, in third place, are a further six points addift and have only two games left, while the rest of the challengers have no realistic hope even if Essex fail to win another game and garner only bonus points.

The fact that the four remaining rounds of fixtures are all of four days' duration is to Essex's advantage, not only because the continuing unsettled weather has less chance of sabotaging them, but because, being the best balanced side, they are more likely to win over the longer period.

Last year, they wrapped up the title with two innings victories and another by nine wickets in their three conclud-

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Notts (4)	18	6	5				185
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Surrey (5)	19	5	6				175
Gloucs (13)	19	5	5				170
Derbys (3)	18	5	4				169
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ing four-day games and, as the highest-placed team they still have to play is Gloucestershire, presently ninth, something similar is likely. If the machine has not

functioned so smoothly this year, the reasons are obvious. Neil Foster last summer donated 91 wickets to the championship cause. His creaking, aching knee has cut 75 per cent from that figure and Essex have been unable to instal a suitable substitute.

Mark flott has not taken the wickets he has sometimes deserved, while Topley, Andrew

stand-ins. Pringle has not always been at his best and is, anyway, not a spearhead bowler, so the focus has shifted ever more to the spin bowlers.

John Childs and Peter Such.

These two epitomise one of the great Essex strengths, the ability to revitalise an individual's career. Between them they have taken 92 wickets so far, with their benefit games, played over the extended time on end-of-season pitches, about to start with today's fixture at Hove.

If Middlesex had been able to combine Emburey and Tufnell all season, theirs challenge. As it is, their steady recent climb into fifth spot can come to no more than place money, a matter which will also be on the minds of fourthplaced Northamptonshire,

That Kent remain the one side with an outside chance of the title if Essex fall flat on their faces, would have seemed an outrageous prophecy when the season began.

But, under Mark Benson and the coach, Daryl Foster, they have played positively to win seven games and lose only two, three fewer than Essex. They know they must also win their last three games though, beginning against Gloucestershire at Canterbury today.

For the rest of the county workforce, any tension this week will come only from the annual contract meetings.



Rain hinders young Sri Lankans

By JOHN WOODCOCK

TAUNTON (first day of four, Sri Lanka won toss): England Under-19 have scored 136 for four against Sri Lanka Under-

IT WAS early afternoon yesterday before the County Ground at Taunton had recovered from the effects of heavy overnight rain, which meant a ration of only 64 overs in the second of the three four-day Under-19 games be-England and Sri

The Sri Lankans have been having no luck with the weather, but they bowled tidily and were as keen as mustard in the field, if rather too noisy. It is their second tour to England at this level, the other having been in 1986 when, in the corresponding match to this, played at Bristol, A.P. Gurusinha scored 161. Last week he made 137 against Australia in Colombo, sadly not in a winning cause.

Though it may have rained on this side, it has done so in nice places. They have played already at some great schools

— Wellington College, Oundle
and Uppingham — and have
Winchester and Millfield to come. The first of the four-day

last is at Worcester. They clap and chatter ceaselessly, and never miss a chance to appeal. To the first ball of the day, from Alexander, Robinson must have been close to leg-before. Instead he staved for an hour and a quarter,

putting hat solidly to ball, before he was leg-before. These matches are given to leading umpires (Ken Palmer and David Shepherd in this case), and that is all to the 200d: it is a boost for the teams and allows the umpires a look games was at Headingley; the into the future.

unable to come to terms with Oxford, he is now deciding

Seamers take control

34 off 20 overs.

match (Reuter)

Matara, Sri Lanka: Mike Whitney and Tony Dodemaide gave the Australians the upper hand by exploiting a pitch which encouraged seamers to dismiss the Southern Province Combined XI for 164 yester-day. Dodemaide finished with three for 19 off 15 overs and Whitney had the even more

As much the most experienced of the England batsmen, it was only to be expected that Weston should look the most mature. Having been

The Australians, who took a

first irmings lead of 148, were

40 for two after the second

day of the three-day

bowled at the legs of Weston and Walker, another lefthander. But for Weston's comwhether to accept a place at petence, the game could have impressive figures of four for

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to playing for Worcestershire.

Although he should twice have

been caught at slip yesterday.

formidably acquisitive. In the

end, he was given out, caught at long leg, when Silva seemed to drop the ball.

There was a long spell of

flattish off breaks from Sajith

Fernando, in which he had

Loye caught at the wicket, and .

Broad to leave in Hendrick shake-up

CHRIS Broad, the former England opening batsman, was yesterday released by Notnghamshire as part of a shake up designed to provide some of their promising young players with greater

As well as Broad, Notting new commants to Eddie Hermings, another former Test player, and Kevin Cooper, the seam bowler who has been affected by injury.

Broad, 34, who still harbours international ambitions after the lifting of his ban for touring South Africa, was ironically offered a four-year contract by Nottinghamshire at the end of last season, but chose instead to sign only for one year, while negotiations continues:

Since then, however, Nottinghamshire have undergone a"cliange of management, with Mike Hendrick stepping in after the surprising depar-

ture of John Birch. "Since I was appointed, I have been as impressed by the number of young players of real potential as with any other feature of the club." Hendrick said. The decisions have been far from easy ones to take in all three cases, but have been reached in order to provide greater opportunities for our crop of highly promising

young players."
Broad helped Nottinghamshire to win four trophies in his time at Trent Bridge after moving from Gloucestershire in 1984 and won 25 caps. , E.S.

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HOCKEY

PLAYED IN ONE MATCH: R J Blakey, 25 (1ct. 1st); G C Smell did not bet (1ct); D G Cork did not bet.

Wales come up against quick-firing Germans

HOLLAND, the host country, qualified for the semi-finals of the European junior champ-ionship with a 3-0 victory over Switzerland in Pool B at Yught yesterday (Sydney

The Dutch, with strong resources in attack and defence, are expected to reach the final. They were fourth in 1988 at Santander, Spain.

Germany, aiming for their fourth successive title, made sure of their place in the semifinals when they defeated Spain 3-0 on Monday, Oliver Kurtz, a member of Germany's Olympic gold-medal winning team at Barcelona, scored the third goal immediately after returning from a ten-minute period of

Dirk Orlinger obtained the

second goal before he was temporarily suspended and Bellenbaum, the third. Wales, with two points from two drawn matches, face a daunting task today against the Germans, who have scored 15 goals in two matches.

Wales, who had drawn 4-4 with Spain on the first day, were surprisingly helped to a 1-1 draw on Monday by Czechoslovakia, who had lost 12-0 to Germany. Justin Thorpe's goal in the third minute for Wales was answered by Roman Marik in

the 51st minute. Germany, as holders, and Spain, as hosts, qualify automatically for the next junior World Cup to be held at Terrassa, Spain, in September next year. Three others qualify

BOWLS

Early exit for two title-holders

By DAVID RHYS JONES

THE only two title-holders to qualify for this summer's Eng-lish Bowling Federation national championships fell at the first hurdle at Skegness yesterday, when Jimmy Summons and Mavis Emmonds went out of the four bowl singles

Summons, of Kessingland, Suffolk, a regular qualifier for these championships, dropped a four to North Cambridgeshire's Fred Bailey to trail 11-6, but fought back to take the lead at 18-16. He was allowed only one entry on the score card after that - a double on the 24th

end that squared the match

dramatically at 20-20. On a

tense last end, Bailey, who

collects coins and matchboxes.

collected a single and a nota-

Meg Fisher, the 1987 champion, from Warboys White Hart, Huntingdonshire, was always in control of her opening match against Emmonds, the defending champion, in the women's four bowl singles. Leading 10-4 after ten ends, she was only three shots in front after 20, but finished strongly to record

a 21-14 VICTORY.

RESULTS: Mac: Two bowl singles: First tround: R Harts (Gedrey Hill, N Cambs) bit R Lilistone (Baren, Suriol), 21-20; E York (Em Tree, Cleveland) for H Daton (Gor Hill, Humbersde), 21-15: G Seppesson (Sheland, Derbyshine) for J Japann (Shes, Harts), 21-18: hi Johnston (Monokon Dene, Dorham) bit P Edyesan (Havethil Town, Essed), 21-20; N Eagle (Peterbonus, Essed), 21-20; N Eagle (Peterbonus, Essed), 21-20; N Fayles (Havethil Flower, Harts), 12-20; N Fayles (Moseingland, Sallotti, 21-20; D Plum (Blackbuth Leisune, Humbersde) bit D God (Papenshi), Hards), 21-15; B Christle (Clesthorpus, Lince) bit S Balley (Stein Lawn, Nots), 21-17; S Cole John Whitehead Park, Cleveland) bit M Debanham (Lucas CAV, Essed, 21-13; S a 21-14 victory.

Robson (New Deteval, Northumbesterd) bt J Bell (Simonside, Dustern), 21-18. Pairs; D Cooper and J Mee (Victoria Park, Derbysheip) bt L Shape and B Lant (Yaday Broadway, Northerts), 19-13; B Defer and P Thomas (Santy, Harts) bt K Whitshed and M Shaw (Poringland Swan, Nortolië), 20-12; K Holingsworth and M Debertham (Lucas CAV, Essen) bt J Pegre and K Lamb (Stockton West End, Clevelend), 21-99

Women: Two bowl singles: P Micon (Haverhill Town, Essey) of J Robinson (Peterborough and District, Northerse) 21-20; M Hammani (North Welsham, Norfolk) bt P Marghas (Whowlest Derbystring) 21-17; M Iszat (Woodlest Spe Toen, Lincolnshise) bt J Hatchrison (Broundfron Red Lion, Humbersides), 21-15; S Smith (Bramble Lane, North Camba) bt A Tabot (Revenseouth, Durham) 21-15; J Chapman (Hemingford, Hente) bt G Grimmood (Halestonth, Angel, Suffolk) 21-11. Four bowl singles: C Hunter (Peterborough and Dist) bt T Tyrat Cipetone (Derbyshire), 21-20; S Offer (Shewlood (Notts) bt at Verepaddord (Pesesenhel, Suffolk) 21-16; M Pasher (Werboye White Hart) bt M Emmande (Seaton Delevel; Northemberland), 21-14. Pales: M Goddiny and J Sheppand (Classione, Derbyshire) bt S Gernick and M Wilson (Menthingham), Lincol. 19-15; A Hellem and J Beandskip (Manshiel), Notts) bt L Ball and N German (Pelister Pak (Develand), 23-15; S Andrews and A West (Melton, Suffolk) bt J Philips and V Scott (Cocieny, Norlok), 23-10.

BRIDGE

British have solid start at Olympiad

Salsomaggiore, Italy: Britain's Open team has made a good start to the world team Olympiad here, winning suc-cessively against Hong Kong, Ireland, Mexico, Japan, Den-mark and Philippines before losing 17-13 to Austria yester-day (Albert Devices painted)

day (Albert Dormer writes).
After seven rounds the leaders in Britain's 29-nation qualifying group are: Israel, 138; Austria, 136; Great Britain, 136; and Beigium, 134. Britain is also going well in

the women's Olympiad, with eight wins, one defeat and a bye. In the tenth round yesterday. Britain gained an important win, 19-11, over Australia, leaving them second in their group behind France, the clear leaders.

MODERN PENTATHLON

Kipling finishes fourth as her opponents fade

MANY of the rest fell off, but Elizabeth Kipling, 19, from Darlington, kept upright dur-ing the final day's show jumping to finish as top Briton at the senior World Cup contest in Corby (Michael Coleman writes). Her good ride, the fourth best of 37 competitors, also earned her colorism to also carned her selection for the world junior champion-ships next week in Modena.

Kipling's success — she was ninth in the national championships — is gratifying proof that the sport is taking root outside the south of England. Selected with her for Modena were Michelle Kimberley, Helen Nicholas, and Julia

The latter, who was engaged at the weekend in a Pony Club tetrathion at

Allen.

would have been an asset over the difficult course at Corby. No fewer than four of the nine overnight leaders were eliminated, including the sole Russian. Yana Dolgacheva, bound for victory. This en-abled the Pole, Edita

Maloszyc, the only one to score a clear round over the 18. obstacles, to win ahead of hercolleague, Anna Sulima. Dolgacheva had a similar final-day misfortune earlier in the month at Berlin.

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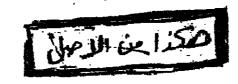
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RUGBY UNION

Coaches hot under the collar at law changes

By GERALD DAVIES

IF SOUTH Africa showed in their international against New Zealand that at least one of the new law changes is an unqualified success — where the ball can be thrown in quickly before a full lineout has had time to form - the e new law governing the ruck and maul, however, is more contentious. Bob Dwyer, as he prepared nis Australian team to face South Africa last week-end, voiced his dissatisfaction

Elsewhere, too, coaches are

already getting hot under the collar about what is an experimental variation on the law.
Each of the three superior rugby countries. England. New Zealand and Australia, have been vociferous in its condemnation since the Inter-Shale national Rugby Football Board announced its intention last spring. Briefly, the law says that when the ball becomes unplayable at either a ruck or maul and a scrum is ordered then the ball shall be put in by the team not in possession at the commencement of either of these loose

> The argument against the change states that it violates an important principle of rugby football. That is to say, the team going forward will be rewarded. From now on, it ain't necessarily so. From now on in these particular areas of the game the guiding principle will be that the ball must be kept "alive" and not be allowed to "die" at the bottom of a suffocating pile of inert

play situations.

Therefore, there is an obligation to promote more continuous movement. To have fewer of those long-winded and unsightly passages of pushing and shoving which only encourages the layman to interpret rugby union simply as an infinitely more complicated, though no more sonhisticated, version of the Eton wall game.

The beauty of rugby's laws.



CRICKET

RAPID CRICKETLINE SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Bournemouth: Hemp-shire 301-7 dec and 76-2 dec; Laichster-shire 77-2 dec and 31-1. Metch drawn.

GOLF

ASHBURNAN: Casey Celulorm Weish Professional Open: Leading first-round scores; 71: C Evans (Princes), 73: D Vaughen (Valo of Llangollen), 74: P Price (County Servose), K Lurt (Muswell Hill); M Banjamin (St Many's), N Rodanck (Chris), 75: Will Codet II stratelli K Williams

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despite, or perhaps because of their obscurity or ambiguity, is the scope they often allow for a variety of tactics. While any number of factors from pure talent to a spot of ram, for instance may determine a team's intention on any one day, the over-riding influential factor — excepting skill — on the style of rugby is the vision the players and their coaches bring to the game. They can limit their choice of tactics or expand on them. It is the shrewd judgment in their deployment which is important. Styles emerge; some are more appealing than others. By and large, what we under-

Over one glorious weekend of the World Cup semi-finals last autumn, the contrasts which rugby encourage were on view, at Murrayfield and Lansdowne Road, England, unsure of their overall strength or unwilling to test it against the Scots, were certain that simple possession among their powerful forwards would, more or less, ensure a final place. They were right and played a dour and successful match. It enchanted the English partisans but failed to charm anyone else. The match would have appealed to the mind of an objective observer, too, but not his heart.

stand as the running game is

The following day Australia and New Zealand played a match of greater width and depth of movement. This, dare I say, tickled the minds and hearts of us all.

If any game may have persuaded the international board that a change in ruck and maul might be worth an experiment then the balance of their views could well have been tipped in that direction by what they saw in that first match at Murrayfield. England stifled Scotland out of existence, yet only three points separated them at the end. Hence forward, the law makers may have concluded that the team who has the ball has

the duty to keep it mobile.

In response, coaches seem to be protesting too much. A few red herrings are already circulating and, like many a good dummy, there are those



Spence: European Tour performances have gained him a Dunhill Cup place on merit

Spence has earned his reward

BY JOHN HENNESSY

SUCCESS in golf, as in other games, means different things to different people. For Vijay Singh, of Fiji, last week's German Open brought his second victory of the season. For José Carriles, of Spain, a second place in his first season on the European Tour provided not only £58,275 in prize-money but also the guarantee of his player's card next season.

More modestly placed though he was, twelfth, James Spence secured a position which has left him, as he explained yesterday, "ecstatic". It meant that he would take a place in the English team alongside Steven Richardson and David Gilford for the Dunhill Cup in October.

SQUASH RACKETS

TENNIS

nicely into a team of liketwo, even with a three wood. minded characters, is a role model for aspiring young professional golfers. Unlike his two companions, both former English champions, he never rose above county level as an amateur. As a professional his

achievements were modest in his first four years but he persevered and managed to keep his head above water with the help of Nevill club members. That all changed in 1990, the year, coincidentally or not, of his marriage. Sally Ann may well have

been an influence, but in golfing terms he feels he owes much to Paul Huggett, the Nevill professional, who cured his reverse pivot by getting him to transfer weight from left foot to right in the

Now they are all in range." The turning point for him came in the 1990 Open. Playing right through from the regional qualifying he stunned the golf world with a awed when he returns there in October for the Dunhill Cup. 65 in the second round of the competition proper, during which he was leading the field

for a time. He finished 22nd for a prize of nearly £8,000, but perhaps more valuable was the experience of playing aloneside Nick Price in the third round for Ryder Cup points.

and Mike Reid in the fourth in front of big galleries. That all happened at St Andrews, so he is unlikely to be over-

His next target, he says, is the Ryder Cup team next year. With that in mind he is passing up this week's Mur-phy's English Open and will spring into action again with the Canon European Masters at Crans-sur-Sierre next week. the first tournament counting

GOLF

Daughter helps Benka through

BY A CORRESPONDENT

PETER Benka, the former Walker Cup international, had to thank his 16-year-old daughter, Claire, for a safe passage through the first round of the Burhill Family Foursomes when this 55-yearold event began on the Surrey course yesterday.

During the recent school holidays Miss Benka has reduced her handicap from ten to seven, which means that she and her father will have to give away even more strokes than was originally the case.

But, even though conceding three shots to a formidable Sunningdale partnership of Julia Holland and her son, Hugh, they still survived a high-quality clash on the last

Miss Benka holed three vital 15ft putts and then, at the last hole, played a superb fivewood approach shot from out of the rough right into the heart of the green to make sure of their place in the second round. But the Holland family had every reason to regret the expensive three putts they expended on both the 13th and 15th greens.

Another Benka combination, Pam, a former Curtis Cup international, and 19year-old son, Mark, did not have to strike a blow in taking their place in the second round, receiving a walkover when the Burghley Park pair, Ann and Paul Kenneally, had to scratch because of business

Also through went Mavis Pollitt and her son, Richard, of the host club, who came through on the final green as well against the West Sussex partnership of Sue and Tim Mote. That kept the Pollits on course to be the first pair to win the title two years in succession since the Foxes in

Dublin, Ohio: The second qualifying round in the United States amateur championship will finish on two courses at Muirfield Village today. The leading 64 players will then go on to the match-play stage of the event.

EQUESTRIANISM

Jam fails to stop dressage success

DESPITE an hour spent in a motorway traffic jam, Hampshire Hunt branch, led by the Chipperfield sisters, Romilly, 19, and Kimberley, 16, won the Pony Club dressage chamnear Telford, yesterday

(Davina Cannon writes). Aided by Cherie Davies (16) and Melissa Smith (15), they beat New Forest, who had a last-minute change of one team member, by two points. Last year's winners were Crawley and Horsham, 18 points behind with their B

team. Their A team did not have a good day. The Chipperfield girls look after their own horses. North End and Chagall, at a yard at Thursley. Surrey, and are taught by the owner. Sarah Dwyer. Romilly, who finished individually second, goes to Sussex University in October to study psychology, and is also a compenior at young rider level in horse trials. Kimberley, who finished as sixth individual, is still at

Taking part in their first championships were Cherie, who keeps her horse in her aunt's livery yard, and Melissa, who borrowed her broth-er's pony, "Absolutely Spiffing", when her own went lame a few weeks ago. Both are trained by Nicky Barratt, a winner of this contest in 1977, and, like the riders, similarly held up on the M40.

Belinda Routledge, district commissioner of the Hampshire branch, was delighted, although adding that it was only part of the effort, since she had three Pony Club camps going on at home.

Twenty-six teams from England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales took part with 137 horses. Today there will be a further 100-plus riders contesting the show jumping championship. The event is sponsored by Champion

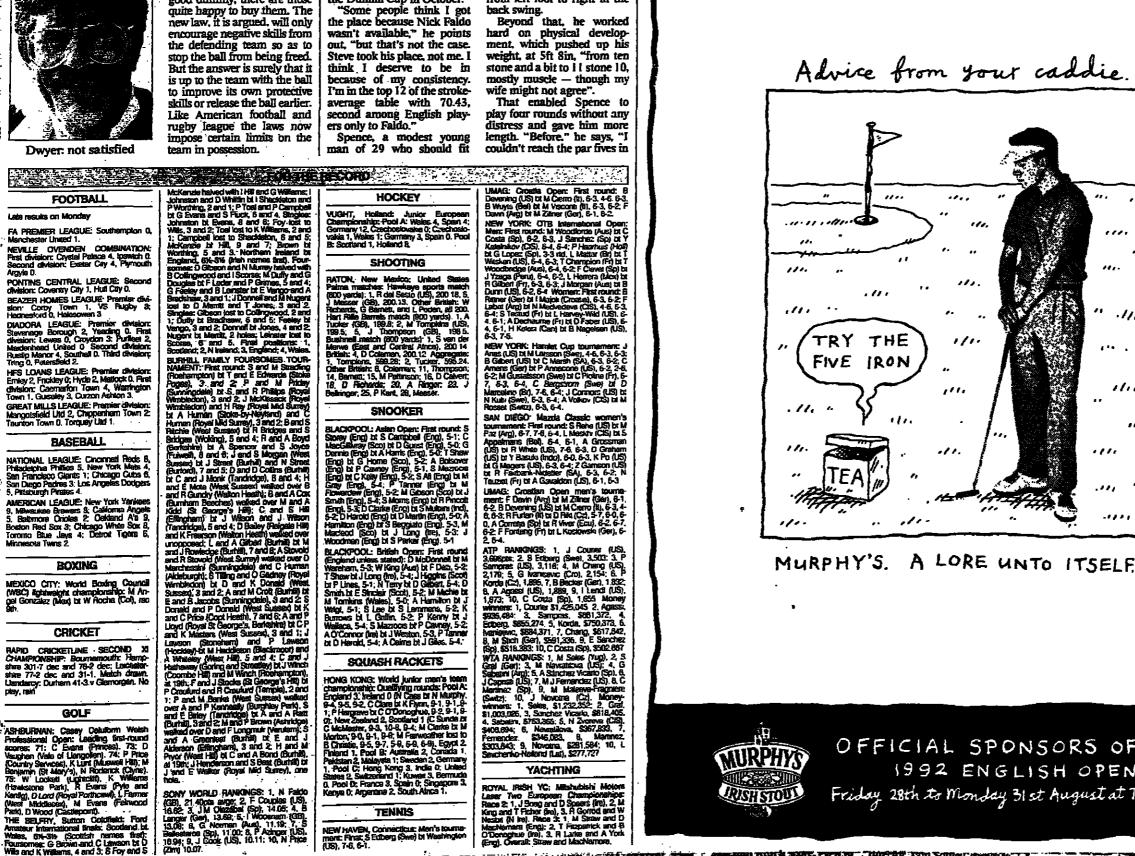
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Wright has chance to impress Taylor

Prolific Oldham attack provides test for Arsenal

JUST what will Arsenal's de fence make of Oldham Athlet ic at Highbury tonight? Not only do Oldham arrive fresh from last Saturday's 5-3 win against Nottingham Forest, but Arsenal conceded four goals to Norwich City in their only other home Premier League fixture.
With Oldham's rearguard

also inclined to be erratic, it could be a fruitful evening for forwards. Ian Wright, of Arsenal, the leading scorer in the first division last season, will be aware that Graham Taylor, the England manager, is due to name his squad for the international in Spain

So will Paul Merson who, despite a fine by his club for not being fit enough, is regarded by some as a potential solution to Taylor's national traumas. Merson is restored to the London side in place of Anders Limpar, who is on duty with Sweden. John Jensen is also absent, with

Denmark. Ian Olney, a summer signing from Aston Villa, makes his first appearance for Oldham after completing a sus-pension carried over from last season, and he could well be marked by Colin Pates. Pates has spent most of his two years at Arsenal in the reserves, but

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Arsenal's win at Liverpool last Sunday and is likely to continue in central defence.

Mark Robins simply could not stop scoring in his attacking days for England Under-21 and the Norwich City new boy has started in much the same vein at Carrow Road. He would doubtless love to further boost his tally at Manchester City - the enemy in those recent days when Robins wore the red and white of Manchester United.

Robins will, however, have to contend with Britain's joint costliest defenders, Keith Curle, and Terry Phelan. The latter will make his debut for City following Monday's £2.5 million transfer from

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be played tonight will require shoot-out before a winner emerges (Roddy Forsyth The meetings of **Dundee United and Rangers** at Tannadice and Heart of Midlothian and Celtic at Tynecastle offer the prospect of very close contests.

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is Gary Megson, who swapped Maine Road for Carrow Road in a free transfer

mier League had in mind as-Bobby Gould's side are aiming for their fourth successive win, at home to Queen's Park Rangers. Gould, who was dismissed by West Bromwich Albion last season, predicted that the championship could be contested by one of the less fashionable clubs.

"I do not see any reason why ourselves, QPR or Norwich, should not come out of the pack and stay the distance. I just hope it will be us. I don't see why we cannot stay at the

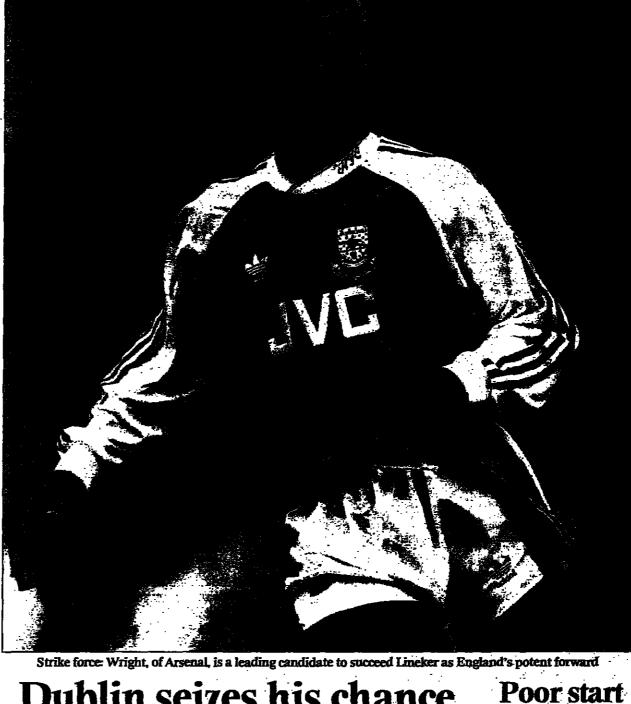
Coming from Coventry, as I do. I have got to feel proud at having taken the club to the top of the league for only the second time in their history. Even my mother has rung up to say well done."

Gould — the manager who took Phelan to Wimbledon for a nominal fee from Swansea City — said that the new backpass law could only assist the less-fancied clubs. "The whole thing has been thrown wide open by the rule because it enables teams of an inferior quality to put pressure on the uilding from the back."

Blackburn Rovers, who visit Coventry on Saturday, aim to continue their bright start to Premier League life at Chelsea. Two Rovers especially keen to impress will be Alan Shearer and Stuart Ripley. Shearer wants to score the goals which will confirm himself, ahead of Arsenal's Wright, as the successor to Gary Lineker for England.

like a slice of the England action. The pacey and powerful winger has made an enormous impact at Ewood Park since his E1.3 close-season transfer from Middlesbrough and must be in contention for a chance in the England role variously occupied by Chris Waddle and John Barnes. Dennis Wise returns to an injury-troubled Chelsea side after suspension.

Like Blackburn, Derby County are big spenders, but they are still seeking their initial first-division wir, something they hope to achieve at Leicester City - narrowly beaten by Blackburn in last May's promotion play-off -



Dublin seizes his chance

WHEN John Beck persuaded Manchester United to pay El million for Dion Dublin earlier this summer, the general consensus was that the Cambridge United manager had done rather well for his club. Not best pleased at being

dismissed as a panic buy on the part of Alex Ferguson, the Manchester United manager. Dublin quickly retorted with United's winning goal in a 1-0 at Southampton on Monday

Dublin repaid the first instalment of Ferguson's investment by side-footing the ball home from four yards in the final minute of his first full game. It may not have been anywhere near as spectacular as the goals which were featured on a video of the player which Beck compiled and sent to Ferguson, but it was sufficient to provide United with their first win in the

Premier League. We have not had someone like Dion for years, not since Joe Jordan," a relieved Ferguson said afterwards. "Apart from his goal Dion linked up

player who gives us options. What decided us on Dion was the video of his goals for Cambridge. I have said that I defy anyone to show me a better variety of goals than the ones he scored. They made me

Dublin, 23, who scored 73 goals in three seasons as Cambridge climbed from the fourth to the second division. said: "The goal should help was very nervous but I get like that before every game. I need nervous energy to get me through the first 15 minutes and then your fitness takes

But the £1 million tag does not bother me. I just want to go out and play football to the best of my ability. It was a bit of luck when the ball broke to me, but my only thought was that if I stuck it away it's the first win of the season and we needed that."

Ferguson, who had confined Dublin to warming the substitutes bench for United's first three games, bought the player only after failing to sign Alan Shearer from

If, however, Dublin — who was rejected by Leicester City before failing to make the grade at Norwich City continues in similar vein, Beck JUST over half a million people watched the first live Premier League match bewill not be the only man to have his name prefixed with the word shrewd when the tween Nottingham Forest and Liverpool — but Sky Tele-vision are still claiming that

deal is discussed. Dublin's goal apart, it was anything but a night to re-member at The Dell Played in pouring rain, only the most committed of BSkyB's viewers would have kept their tele-vision sets switched on long enough to see Dion do what

he does best. □ John Toshack, the former Wales and Liverpool forward, will come out of retirement to play with the Swansea team he guided to the top of the first division ten years ago to fund food and medical aid for the town of Mostar, in Bosnia. Toshack, the manager of

Real Sociedad, in Spain, will appear on Tuesday. September 8, against the present Swansea Čity team in a game organised by Dzemal Hadziabdic, the Yugoslavian international full back who played in the first division

keeps strong nerve BY CHRIS SMART CHRIS Evans, little known

Evans

outside the southern region where he regularly competes in pro-am tournaments, enjoyed his biggest pay day when he won the Casey Celuform Welsh professional golf championship in fine style at Ashbumham yesterday.

Leading by two strokes over-night after a splendid one-under-par 71, Evans, 25, the Club, Sandwich, repeated that score yesterday for a 36-hole total of 142 and a three stroke victory over the former Walker Cup player, Neil Roderick. The one-time Welsh world cup player, David Vaughan, was a further stroke back in third

Evans, who admitted not having slept a wink during the night, kept his nerve brilliantly even when news filtered through that Roderick, twice winner of the Welsh stroke play title, had birdied the opening two holes. But Evans, to his credit, kept

going steadily and at one time extended his overnight advantage to six strokes and it then looked as though he might coast to one of the biggest successes in the history of this

charopionship. However, there was a slight indication that he might be about to lose his nerve when he simped to a couple of inward half. But he got his act together again and a birdie three at the difficult 15th hole seemed to put the issue beyond doubt. A steady finish saw him home with plenty of breathing

space.
"I just cannot believe it, all the years of struggle have been worthwhile, Evans, from Wrexham who has been at Prince's since 1988, said.

Partly, he attributed his success to the fact that Ashbumham is very similar to Prince's in difficulty of links and the conditions prevailing over the past couple of days are similar to those he regularly Any hopes Paul Mayo had

of securing his third successive title were dashed when he took 41 to the turn, Kim Dahson immped some 25 places with a closing 73, while Phil Parkin, the former British amateur champion, also had a 73 and finished in joint-fourth

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Yugoslavia fixture abandoned

Paris: Yugoslavia's World Cup football qualifying match against Iceland in Reykjavik next Wednesday has been postponed.

It is expected that Yugoslavia will be expelled from the World Cup competition on Angust 31 under United Nations resolution 757, which declared an embargo on contact with Yugoslavia following the civil war there.

If that happens, group five, in which Yugoslavia are placed, would be reduced to five nations, Russia, Greece, Hungary, Iceland and Luxembourg, with two teams qualifying for the finals in the

United States in 1994. Yugoslavia were excluded from the European championship in June. (AFP)

crease as the season progresses and more people buy dishes." FA charges Durie on case of feigning injury

By Louise Taylor GORDON Durie yesterday

became the first professional you can practise at work. Your skills footballer to be charged with will improve. So will your understanding of the business. Each month you will play a more dominant role. Others will defer to you. Seek your advice. Quote you won promotion, gota better job, been awarded a substantial rise, or made your own business more successful, simply return "Managing to Win" and we shall return every permy.

misconduct for allegedly feigning injury by the Football Association (FA). The Tottenham Hotspur and Scotland forward is accused of attempting to get Coventry's Andy Pearce sent off by pretending that Pearce had butted him when the teams met for a Premier League match at

White Hart Lane last week. The match referee, Dermot Gallagher, reported the incident to the FA and it has

answer. Durie has 14 days to reply to the charge and is expected to request a hearing. possibly bringing a video, which he claims will clear him. If found guilty, the player, who cost Tottenham £2.2 mil-

lion when he left Chelsea at the end of last season, faces a hefty fine, lengthy suspension and a stur on his character. David Bloomfield, the FA press officer, said yesterday: The charge is being brought on the basis of the referee's

official report of the incident.

The allegation that the player feigned injury is the first case

The club made an official

Tottenham were furious when, two days later, the referee was quoted in national newspapers, saying that Durie had fabricated the butt to have Pearce dismissed.

complaint to the FA Premier League, criticising the referee and Doug Livermore, the Tottenham team manager, said: "We have looked at the video and it is clear that Pearce made contact with Durie." Derby police yesterday confirmed that David Speedie, the Southampton forward, is

On Monday, the SFA execu-

pacity as chairman of the

of that nature we have dealt to be charged with assaulting a supporter after a match at Derby County last May. The former Scottish international, 32, had been playing for Blackburn Rovers in a promotion play-off when, after the final whistle, he was al-leged to have kicked a Derby

supporter up the backside. Mark Nile, the Middlesbrough physiotherapist, has also been charged with misconduct by the FA for allegedly "man-handling" a lines-man at Highfield Road during Middlesbrough's opening Premier League fixture against Coventry.



for BSkyB

initiative

their football launch has been

casters Audience Research

Board (BARB) yesterday show

that an average of 520,000

watched the game on Sunday,

August 16 — an increase of 130,000 on the figure for the

Charity Shield match between

Leeds United and Liverpool.

highlights attracted 5.6 mil-

lion for the Charity Shield.

Figures for their first Premier

League programme will be

million in the rights to cover

the Premier League over the

next five years. A spokesman

said: "It is still very early days

and viewing figures will in-

BSkyB has invested £304

revealed today.

BBC TV's Match of the Day

Durie in the dock

Scottish Super League sails into troubled waters

By RODDY FORSYTH

PROSPECTIVE members of the Scottish Super League must be casting envious glances at their Premier League neighbours south of the border. On the day that the breakaway League admitted two more clubs and rejected two others, it ran into an obstacle that could delay it reaching its first season, a hurdle the English Premier League never had to negoti-

After weeks in which the Scottish League and the growing number of rebels had traded headlines like termis balls, the Scottish Football Association yesterday joined the fray. It said, simply, that it would not enter into any dialogue with clubs support-

painless. Things will, clearly, ing the planned breakaway because it considers it not to not be quite as smooth in be a properly-constituted football league. It thus, immediately, posed the breakaway tive committee met to discuss group — who hope to be in a request from Wallace Merbusiness next season - with a cer, the chairman of Heart of serious problem. Midlothian acting in his ca-

None of the leading chubs wants to establish the new league without SFA support, eventually get under way, it will be with SFA support.

which is essential for participation in European football. Since missing their forzys on to the continent would be, for all the leading clubs, unthinkable, they must ensure that when the Super League does

In England, in contrast, the

Premier League began with a

blueprint drawn up by the Football Association. Its in-

troduction was relatively

Super League, asking the national association formally to recognise the breakaway Yesterday, Jim Farry, the secretary of the SFA, respond-

ed, saying: "The principle which has been adopted is that it is necessary for the association to approve any league or combination of clubs. The Scottish Super League at this stage is not an approved league, it does not exist, it is not an approved combination of clubs. There-

fore, it is not an authorised football body and anyone inducing another member club of the SFA to join such a body would be in breach of Article 73 of the national association." The SFA's announcement

follows a blocking manouevre earlier, this month by the Scottish Football League, which declared that the letters of resignation received by the breakaway clubs — Aberdeen, Celtic, Dundee United, Heart of Midlothian Hibernian, Motherwell. Rangers and St Johnstone were invalid because they were undated. This objection by the SFL led the SFA to say the Super League had not

been properly constituted.

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However, the embryonic

Super League chose yesterday

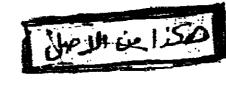
to announce that it had agreed to accept membership applications from Dunfermline Athletic and Partick Thistie. Two more applications from Airdriconians and Dundee were rejected although it was stressed that the League hoped that both clubs would try again in the foresceable future.

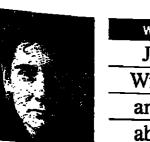
The statement by the Scottish Super League also contained a significant gesture towards conciliation with the Scottish Football League. It read: To help bring about essential dialogue, we are contacting the Scottish Pootball League today to inform them that the ten club chairmen who represent the clubs in the Super League wish to meet with the Scottish Football League as a matter of

urgency. This is a positive step and we look forward to a fruitful meeting."

There was no official reply from the Scottish Football League yesterday, but it is expected that, like the SFA. the official body will not communicate with a body it does not recognise. It is likely, however, that the ten chairman will ask for a meeting in their capacity as representa-

tives of member clubs. In addition, an extraordinary general meeting of the Scottish Football League will be convened shortly, probably next month, at which a proposal to form four divisions of ten teams will be debated. It is this proposal, supported by 30 of the existing member clubs, which offers the most likely chance of compromise





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WEDNESDAY AUGUST 26 1992

OPENING LINES: the first chapters of some of this autumn's strongest Booker contenders

Pilgrim through a barren land



P.D. James's latest novel The Children of Men is set in a future England where human infertility has spread like a plague. In the third in our series, the central character, Theodore Faron, introduces himself...

FRIDAY I JANUARY 2021

arly this morning, 1 January 2021, three minutes after midnight, the last human being to be born on earth was killed in a pub brawl in a suburb of Buenos Aires, aged twenty-five years two months and twelve days. If the first reports are to be believed. Joseph Ricardo died as he had lived. The distinction, if one can call it that, of being the last human whose birth was officially recorded, unrelated as it was to any personal virtue or talent, had always been difficult for him to handle. And now he is dead.

The news was given to us here in Britain on the nine o'clock programme of the State Radio Service and I heard it fortuitously. I had settled down to begin this diary of the last half of my life when I noticed the time and thought I might as well catch the headlines to the nine o'clock bulletin. Ricardo's death was the last item mentioned. and then only briefly, a couple of sentences delivered without emphasis in the newscaster's carefully non-committal voice. But it seemed to me, hearing it, that it was a small additional justification for beginning the diary today; the first day of a new year and my fiftieth birthday. As a child I had always liked that distinction, despite the inconvenience of having it follow Christmas too quickly so that one present - it never seemed notably superior to the one I would in any case have received - had to do for both celebrations.

As I begin writing, the three events, the New Year, my fiftieth birthday, Ricardo's death, hardly justify sullying the first pages of this new loose-leaf notebook. But I shall continue, one small additional there is nothing to record, I shall record the nothingness and then if. and when, I reach old age - as most of us can expect to, we have become experts at prolonging life -I shall open one of my tins of hoarded matches and light my small personal bonfire of vanities. I have no intention of leaving the diary as a record of one man's last years. Even in my most egotistical moods I am not as self-deceiving as that. What possible interest can there be in the journal of Theodore Faron, Doctor of Philosophy, Fellow of Merton College in the University of Oxford, historian of the Victorian age, divorced, child-less, solitary, whose only claim to notice is that he is cousin to Xan Lyppiatt, the dictator and Warden of England.

No additional personal record is. in any case, necessary. All over the world nation states are preparing to store their testimony for the posterity which we can still occasionally convince ourselves may follow us. those creatures from another planet who may land on this green wilderness and ask what kind of sentient life once inhabited it. We are storing our books and manuscripts, the great paintings, the musical scores and instruments, the artefacts. The world's greatest libraries will in forty years' time at most be darkened and sealed. The buildings, those that are still standing, will speak for themselves. The

soft stone of Oxford is unlikely to survive more than a couple of centuries. Already the University is arguing about whether it is worth refacing the crumbling Sheldon-

But I like to think of those mythical creatures landing in St Péter's Square and entering the great Basilica, silent and echoing under the centuries of dust. Will they realize that this was once the greatest of man's temples to one of his many gods? Will they be curious about his nature, this deity who was worshipped with such pomp and splendour, intrigued by the mystery of his symbol, at once so simple, the two crossed sticks ubiquitous in nature, yet laden with gold, gloriously jewelled and adorned? Or will their values and their thought processes be so alien to ours that nothing of awe or wonder will be able to touch them? But despite the discovery - in 1997 was it? - of a planet which the astronomers told us could support life, few of us really believe that they will come. They must be there. It is surely unreasonable to credit that only one small star in the immensity of the universe is capable of developing and supporting intelligent life. But we shall not get to them and they

e are outraged and demoralized less by the impending end of our species, less even by our inability to prevent it, than by our failure to discover the cause. Vestern science and Western medicine haven't prepared us for the magnitude and humiliation of this ultimate failure. There have been many diseases which have been difficult to diagnose or cure and one which almost depopulated two continents before it spent itself. But we have always in the end been able to explain why. We have given names to the viruses and germs which, even today, take possession of us, much to our chagrin since it seems a personal affront that they should still assail us, like old enemies who keep up the skirmish and bring down the occasional victim when their victory is assured.

Western science has been our god. In the variety of its power it has preserved, comforted, healed. warmed, fed and entertained us and we have felt free to criticize and occasionally reject it as men have always rejected their gods, but in the knowledge that despite our apostasy, this deity, our creature and our slave, would still provide for us: the anaesthetic for the pain. the spare heart, the new lung, the antibiotic, the moving wheels and the moving pictures. The light will always come on when we press the switch and if it doesn't we can find out why. Science was never a subject I was at home with. I understood little of it at school and 1 understand little more now that I'm fifty. Yet it has been my god too, even if its achievements are incomprehensible to me, and I share the universal disillusionment of those

whose god has died. I can clearly remember the confident words of one biologist spoken when it had finally become apparent that nowhere in the whole world was there a pregnant

woman: "It may take us some time to discover the cause of this apparent universal infertility." We have had twenty-five years and we no longer even expect to succeed. Like a lecherous stud suddenly stricken with impotence, we are humiliated at the very heart of our faith in ourselves. For all our knowledge, our intelligence, our power, we can no longer do what the animals do without thought. No wonder we

both worship and resent them. In our universal bereavement, like grieving parents, we have put away all painful reminders of our loss. The children's playgrounds in our parks have been dismantled. For the first twelve years after Omega the swings were looped up and secured, the slides and climbing frames left unpainted. Now they have finally gone and the asphalt playgrounds have been grassed over or sown with flowers like small mass graves. The toys have been burnt, except for the dolls which have become for some half-demented women a substitute for children. The schools, long closed, have been boarded up or used as centres for adult education. The children's books have been systematically removed from our libraries. Only on tape and records do we now hear the voices of children, only on film or on television programmes do we see the bright, moving images of the young. Some find them unbearable to watch but most feed on them as

they might a drug. The children born in the year 1995 are called Omegas. No generation has been more studied, more examined, more agonized over, more valued or more indulged. They were our hope, our promise of salvation and they were

 they still are — exceptionally nature in her ultimate unkindness wished to emphasize what we have lost. The boys, men of twenty-five now, are strong, individualistic, intelligent and handsome as young gods. Many are also cruel, arrogant and violent, and this has been found to be true of Omegas all over the world. The dreaded gangs of the Painted Faces who drive round the countryside at night to ambush and terrorize unwary travellers are rumoured to be Omegas. It is said that when an Omega is caught he is offered immunity if he is prepared to join the State Security Police, ereas the rest of the gang, no more guilty, are sent on conviction to the Penal Colony on the Isle of Man, to which all those convicted of crimes of violence, burglary or repeated theft are now banished. But if we are unwise to drive unprotected on our crumbling secondary roads, our towns and cities are safe, crime effectively dealt with at last by a return to the deportation policy of the nineteenth century.

he university colleague who takes Omega with total calmness is Daniel Hurstfield, but then, as professor of statistical palaeontology, his mind ranges over a different dimension of time. Like the God of the old hymn, a thousand ages in his sight are like an evening gone. Sitting beside me at a College feast in the year when I

was wine secretary, he said: "What are you giving us with the grouse. Faron? That should do very nicely. Sometimes I fear you are a little inclined to be too adventurous. And I hope you have established a rational drinking-up programme. It would distress me, on my deathbed, to contemplate the barbarian Omegas making free with

the College cellar."

I said: "We're thinking about it. We're still laying down, of course, but on a reduced scale. Some of my colleagues feel we are being too

"Oh, I don't think you can possibly be too pessimistic. I can't think why you all seem so surprised at Omega. After all, of the four billion life forms which have existed on this planet, three billion, nine hundred and sixty million are now

by wanton extinction, some through natural catastrophe, some destroved by meteorites and asteroids. In the light of these mass extinc-tions it really does seem unreasonable to suppose that Homo sapiens should be exempt. Our species will have been one of the shortest lived of all, a mere blink, you may say, in the eye of time. Omega apart, there may well be an asteroid of sufficient size to destroy this planet on its way

to us now." He began loudly to masticate his grouse as if the prospect afforded him the liveliest satisfaction.

 The Children of Men by P.D. James is shed by Faber on Sept 28 (£14.99).

Tomorrow: Doctor Criminale

by Malcom Bradbury

evening not using my fingers.

Every impulse to pick up a tissue, or stroke the cat, or wipe hair from my

eyes had been followed once (with

disastrous results) and thereafter strenuously denied. At one point, the phone had rung, and after a

period of whimpering with indeci-

sion i had answered it by picking

up the receiver between my elbows and then dropping it on the desk,

in a manner reminiscent of thriller-

heroines tied to kitchen chairs.

"Hello?" it said faintly from the desktop. "Help!" I yelled, kneeling

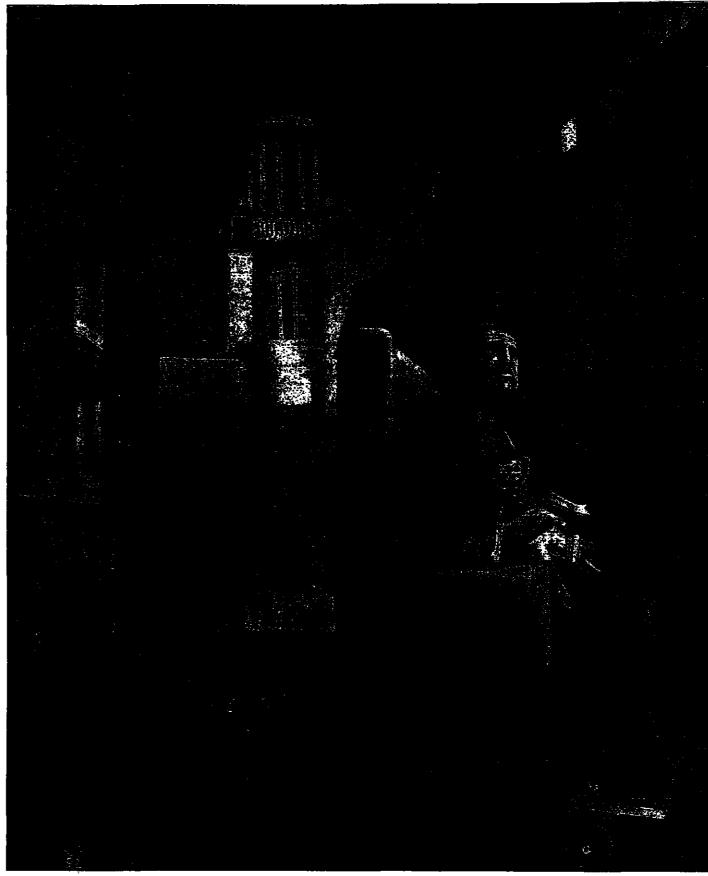
beside the receiver, and waggling

my fingers like a madwoman.

Hello?" it said again, and went

Eventually I took the whole lot off

again, partly because the removal



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The lost world at one's fingertips

have never lingered in cosmet-ics halls. In fact, I have never really understood what they are for. Why do they invariably lurk at the entrance of department stores, blocking one's progress to the real business inside? Is it a subtle furnigation process? Or is the idea to soften you up? The luxuriant chrome and lights, the shrill exciting perfumes, the gallons of moisturiser (in tiny pots) — I figure that this sensual riot is designed to trip up the women, and remind them that shopping is basically selfflattery and treats. By the time you actually buy something, you see, you feel so madly feminine that you shell out wildly for an extra tube of

bath sealant. But I am only guessing, because personally I always draw a deep breath at the threshold to the shop. take a last memorising look at my list ("Draino; Cat-flap accessories; Something for getting Ribena stains out of sofa") and then wiffle guickly and invisibly between the tile counters, tacking athwart this alien sea of feminine trinkery with my eyes half-closed against the unaccustomed glamour of it all. If I pause nervously to examine a lipstick, and a lady asks "Can I help you?" I freeze, and then scuttle But suddenly, a few weeks ago, I felt an urge to paint my fingernails. It was weird and unaccountable. One minute I was quite normal and stable, attempting to play a well-regulated game of hide and seek with cats who can't (or won't)

count to 20. And the next, I was overtaken by an access of femininity, humming "I Enjoy Being a Girl" with brio. and breezing into cosmetics halls demanding a range of nail colours and offering to trade unwanted catflap accessories by way of payment. Funny how life can change.

Single life suddenly looked quite different, you see: I caught a glimpse of another world, originating in the sort of TV advertisement where pink gauze curtains billow sensuously in a houdoir full of white light and a woman with fantastic hair pampers herself with a beauty product (or tampons). Most people probably regard nail varnish as either functional or tacky, but to me it acquired the force of revelation. Previously the idea of pampering myself meant watching the EastEnders omnibus when I had already seen both episodes in the week. But now it meant inhabiting an aura of solitary voluptuousness, spending whole yummy evenings watching

SINGLE LIFE

Lynne Truss on the

siren call of the cosmetic counters



Now, the interesting thing about nail polish is that it comes without instructions. Did you know this? This was my first setback, really, and it was one from which I never properly recovered. The other interesting thing is that nail polish remover, if you splash it about too liberally, removes polish quite indiscriminately - from your best sandals, for example, and your chest of drawers. Also, it is not a because I had just spent a whole good idea to put used cotton buds, evening not using my fingers. soaked with nail polish remover. directly on a mahogany diningtable, because not only does the surface mysteriously acquire pits and scars, but the lacerations have white hair growing out of them. which won't come off again, ever.

Within minutes of starting my new regime, I had run up damages to an approximate replacement value of £1,200. But I was not down-hearted. I had applied a transparent goo of base-coat to all of my fingernails (including the right-hand ones, which were tricky) and was now ready to drink sherbet, eat Turkish delight; and watch an American mini-series until the next stage. "I'm strictly a female female." I sang, "Da da dum di da Dum de dee." I picked up the remote control from the carpet and was surprised to discover that a layer of speckled gunk had attached itself to all the nails that had come in contact with the floor. Spit. Peering at the other hand (which looked OK), I cautiously tapped all the nails with a finger to

process was the only one I was good at, partly because I realised that novice nail-painting is not something to be attempted alone, after all. It requires the attendance of slaves. I did a swift impression of check they were dry. They weren't Three hours later my fifth at-

Lady Macbeth (damned spot, and all that), and went to bed. And there I dreamed of waitzing through. hright cosmetics halls, dressed in pink gauze, carrying bags and bags of lovely self-indulgent stuff for getting Ribena stains out of the

tempt at a base-coat was almost dry.

but I was feeling strangely de-

tached from my surroundings.

EDINBURGH FESTIVAL

YOLANTA AND THE NUTCRACKERS Following the triumph of his opera The Queen of Spades, Tchaikovsky was commissioned by the Impenal Theatre. St Petersburg to write two one-act pieces, an opera and a ballet, Yolanta and The Nutcracker were the result. This new production by Marthew highlights Sung in English in a new translation by David Lloyd-Jones. King's Theatre, Leven Street, 7pm

SCOTTISH CHAMBER ORCHESTRA: A nch programme features Berlioz's haumbng song cycle Les Nuts D'Ete, Tcharkovsky's Suile No 4 in G. "Mozartiana", and Schoenberg's Verklärte Nacht, his delimitive statement Usher Hall, Lothian Road, 7.30pm HIS MAJESTY: Ruchmond's Orange Tree Theatre present Barker's previous unperformed play on monarchy, democracy and abdication. St Bride's Centre, Orwell Theatre.

forught-Sat, 7.30pm Mats today, Sat. BENJAMIN FROTH: In the first of two late night concerts looking at Beethoven's most demanding and intricate piano music, the pianist tackles the massive Diabelli Vanations. Usher Hall, Lothlan Road, 10.30pm Edinburgh International Festival (Box office 031-225-5756)

EDINBURGH FRINGE ACCIDENTAL DEATH OF AN ACCIDENTAL DEATH OF AN AMARCHIST: Events in Milan, 1969 inspired Dario Fo's play about the sudden death of a police suspect and its subsequent cover up, but Exacting Theathe Company bring a modernised, English theme to bear on its new roduction of this biting political

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Acted in a pool of mud, Robert Lepage's production is long and murky but

inadiated with magical images.
National (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Toroght-Sat, 7.15pm, mats tomorrow, Sat, 2pm. 145mins.

☐ MURDER BY MISADVENTURE: Gerald Harper and William Gaunt play crime writers who fall out and pit their wicked wits against each other: run-of-

◆ ALIEN * (18) Sigourney Wes

space. Punishingly drab and downbear Charles 5. Dutton, Charles Dance; director, David Fincher. Odeon Leicester Square (0426-915

JERSEY GRL (15): Cinderella from New Jersey tries for a Manhattan Prince Charming, Stale Jornantic cornedy with a few bright moments. Jame Gentz, Dylan McDermott, director, David

LOVERS (18): In Franco's Spain, Victona Abril derails her lodger's intended marnage. Excellent tale of mad love, expertly mounted by director Vicente Aranda MGM PiccadIlly (071-437 3361) Screen on the Hill (071-435 3366).

WATERLAND (15): Jeremy Incre as the history teacher haunted by his Fenland childhood. Brave but failed attempt to film Grahm Swift's complex novel. Curzon West End (071-439 4805) Chelsea (071-351-3742).

◆ BATMAN RETURNS (12): Quirky

but ho-hum sequel, best when the spothight fails on Michelle Pfeiffer's

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TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment

compiled by Sara Yelland

Southside '92, Southside Community Centre, 117 Nicholson Street. Tonight-Sat (not Thur), 10 20pm. Until Sept S.

THEY SHALL NOT GROW OLD: Gary Drabwell's new play about the Battle of

the Somme. Using visual imagery, music and modern verse-dialogue, Mania Productions' Youth Theatre,

Manic Offspring, hope to reenact the horror and waste of this protracted

Cettic Lodge, Brodie's Close. Lawrymarket. Tonight-Sat, 6 05pm. Until

WHEN THE BARBARIANS CAME: The

WHEN THE BARBARIANS CAME: The premiere of this new play by Don Taylor which tells of the members of a society on which a new political and cultural orthodoxy has been imposed. Corruption, intrigue and betrayal are explored in a production which also seeks to pose questions about the role of theatre in relation to broader with relation.

cultural values. The Festival Clob, 9-15 Chambers

WALLACE'S HEEL: When Arthur Stewart steps out of his shower to find an old friend swigging beer in his hotel room, the trouble begins. For this finend died three years ago. To make matters worse, his dead friend also claims to be the spirt of the great Scottish hero William Wallace, who has returned fully intent on semant the record straub!

intent on setting the record straight. Something to do with "Pan dimensiona

Calton Centre, 121 Montgomery Street, Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm.

Edinburgh Fringe Festival (Box office:031-226-5138)

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London House full, returns only N Some seats available □ Seats at all prices

Vaudeville, Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 2.30pm, Sat, 5.30pm. 120mms. THE NIGHT OF THE IGUANA:
Alfred Molina and a superb Efeen Atkins Alfred Molina and a superb Efeen A in Tennessee Williams's play on the effects of sexual repression Last performances, ends Aug 31. National (Lyttelion), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252), Tonight-Sat, 7 30pm mats today, Sat, 2.15pm. 180mms. TPHILADELPHIA, HERE I COME! Brian Friel's affectionate comedy of an Irish emigrant and his carping after ego. A revival to be chershed.

Wyndham's, Charrig Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116). Mon-Fri, Bpm, Sat, 8.15pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 140mins. THE RISE AND FALL OF LITTLE m : NISE AMP FALL OF LITTLE
VOICE: Termic performance by Alison
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Cartwright's play about dreams, shyness
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SHADES: Pauline Collins tom IIII SHADES: Pauline Collins from between her child, mum and marmend in Sharman Macdonald's desappointing new play; only sporadically absorbing. Albery, 51 Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-867 1115). Mon-Sat, Born, mals Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 120mins.

EI SIX DEGREES OF SEPARATION: Stockard Channing as the nth New Yorker transfigured by a black con artist in John Guare's fine play on human inter-dependence. Comedy, Panton Street, SW1 (071-857 1045), Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm and Sat, 4pm. 90mins

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of

films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

Bernard brings disaster and joy to the suburbs. Adequate family cornedy. Charles Grodin, Borinie Hunt; director,

Brian Levant. MGM Oxford Street (071-636 0310)

eys (071-792 3332).

BELLE DE JOUR (18) Bunuel's 1967 classic about the adventurous libido of a bourgeors wife (Catherine Deneuve)

Cool and compeling in a sparking new print. Jean Sorel, Michel Piccoli, MGM Swiss Centra (071–439 4470) MGM Tottenham Court Road (071– 35 6448)

THE BUTCHER'S WIFE (12): Arch whimsy about a New York butcher's clasvoyant wife (Demi Moore), partly

salvaged by bright lines and a genial cast. Jeff Daniels, Mary Steenburgen. Director, Terry Hughes. MGM Trocadero (071–434 0031).

anniversary release of the cult favourite, brilliantly written, awach with exotic atmosphere. Bogart, Ingrid Bergman, Paul Henreid, Claude Rams; director.

◆ THE MAMBO KINGS (15): Smartly mounted but simplistic version of Oscar Hijuelos's novel about Cuban musicans in New York. Armand Assante, Antonio

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Michael Curtiz. Plaza (071-497 9399).

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hero, Conrad, and Tchaikovsky's Manfred Symphony, a portrart of the guilt-ridden Faustian outcast, tormented

oy a tender but incestuous it, formente eventually finds solace in death. The St Petersburg Philharmonic is conducted by Yun Terninkanov.Royal Albert Hali, Kensington Goré, London SW7 (071-823-99817, 30pm a 1894---

AMPHIBIANS: Latest Billy Roche play

charting change and the passing of old tradition in County Wexford (where

eise?) T**he Pit,** Barbican Centre, EC2 (071-

Previews from tonight, 7.15pm. Opens Sept 3, 7pm. Then in repertoke.

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Sher plays the scourge of Asia in Marlowe's epic drama, directed by Terry Hands and never before produ

Term Hands and never before produces by the KSC. Swran Thautre, Watersde, Stratford-upon-awon (0789 295623). Previews sonight and all this week, 7.30pm. Opens Sept 1, 7pm. Then in repertoire.

Ashmolean has one of the greatest collections of Old Master drawings in

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the world. Normally only a small percentage is on show, but the European Arts Festival has persuaded the museum to bring out some of its notice. This amazing selection, first seen in Rome last year, includes five Michelangelos, five Raphaels and two Leonardos, as well as works by Rembrandt, Ruberis, Dürer, Claude, Watteau, Holbern, Gainsborough and Rowlandson, to name only a few. Not to be missed.

be missed. Ashmolean Museum, Oxford (0865 278000) Today-Sat 10am-4pm, Sun 2-4pm. Umil October 11.

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A WOMAN OF NO IMPORTANCE: Philip Prowse's traumphant RSC production. John Carlisle as a callous anstocrat in Wilde's social melodirama Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm, 165mms.

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Camden Plaza (07 1-485 2443) Gate (071-727 4043) Lumière (071-836 0691) MGM Fulham Road (071-370 2636).

◆ THE PLAYER (15): Dazzing saure on Hollywood, directed by Robert Altman, Tim Robbins as the studio executive who kills a writer, puts cameos galore. Barbican (071-638-8891 MGM Chelsan (071-535 5096) MGM Haymarten (071-839 1527) MGM Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 6279/379 7025) MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) 'Odeorss Kensinoton

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MY COUSIN VINNY (15):

Adventures of a novice lawyer

TELEVISION REVIEW

What's it all about, Michael?

THERE'S a very subtle difference between Alfie and me," Michael Caine used to tell envious chaps who thought he might be a real-life version of his famous screen character. "Alfie will go out with anybody. I only go out with the ones you can't go out with." Then comes the cheeky Caine grin, pricking the arrogance without dispelling the essential truth of the remark.

Caine, the subject of last night's Hollywood Greats on Channel 4, has indeed done well for himself: wealth. fame, critical glory, beautiful wife, fancy houses. Sean Connery is perhaps the only other British film star who might merit the Hollywood Greats treatment, but even he lacks Caine's versatility. Caine's additional triumph is that he has become a success on his own terms, without dropping his cockney accent or abandoning his south London roots, without infesting the sort of tackier gossip columns that thrive on movie-star pillow talk, and without losing his sense of what really

Candid Caine once confessed that: "When you have a high standard of living, sometimes you must make a very low standard of movie." And although he has grown more picky about which films he will and won't do. the pickiness is not always down to the quality of the screenplay. "When I open up a script and it says. Nome, Alaska. Our hero is walking in the blinding snow with a dog sled ... I close it again. Quickly." How can you dislike somebody who is so honest?

GASPS, groans and ironic laughter filled the Radio 4 airwayes on Saturday and Sunday afternoon, as a two-part adaptation of Peter Flannery's play Singer went out. This is the story of a Jew from Lvov, Peter Singer, who survives Auschwitz, becomes a rich, racketeering slum landlord in London. and ends up as a saint (and a knight to boot) serving soup to the homeless. It was an ambitious undertaking,

and the BBC were lucky to get Antony Sher to repeat the performance he gave as Singer in the original Royal Shakespeare Company production in 1989. What a pity that the play itself is such a crude piece of emotional exploitation. Perhaps only Primo Levi has found a tone in which it is possible to write

about Auschwitz — sparing the reader no horror, yet breathing a note of such deep humanity and moral delicacy that it is not only possible but even strangely enriching to read on. Unfortunately, there was nothing like that in the ugly In last night's tribute, such co-stars as Bob Hoskins and Julie Walters hailed Caine for opening doors for a new generation of not-so-posh British actors. As Caine said: "I always saw people of my own class portrayed on screen by upper-class people as a sort of caricature, as a sort of insult. We always wound up as forelock-tugging, grovelling, monosyllabic oafs. And this always made me very angry." His ambition was "just to play lime cockney parts in English movies, but to play them correctly, with the correct accent, with some dignity". Hoskins often adopts an American accent for Hollywood: Caine rarely.

Caine later returns to this theme: "People often ask me why I've kept my cockney accent. I've kept my accent and I kept my working class demeanour in order that when another child said to his or her parents, 'I want to become this ... doctor, lawyer, scientist, musician' and when their parents said who do you think you are they would think of me and say, well he did it. I can do it'." Frankly, this sort of thing can sound like oh-my-gawd gush. Caine makes it sound heartfelt. which means he is either as decent a chap as he looks or an even better actor than we imagine.

Many fail to appreciate how hard Caine works at his fluid performances, from The Ipcress File to Woody Allen's Hannah And Her Sisters, his only Oscar winner. He may not go in for fashionable method acting, which might require him to spend a month in

Caine: his ambition was "just to play the little cockney parts correctly"

a Salvation Army hostel and contract scurvy before playing the role of a hobo, but he knows how to move for the camera. He proved equal to Olivier in Sleuth, for example.

Famous as a fount of useless knowledge, Caine also brims with smart insights into life. "The basic rule of human nature," he told us, "is that

powerful people speak slowly and move slowly; and subservient people speak quickly and move quickly and that's because if they don't speak last nobody will listen to them." Caine always speaks slowly, and still in a cockney accent.

JOE JOSEPH

RADIO REVIEW

Making a hell of a racket

Auschwitz scenes that we heard here. Singer in fact never becomes a character. The changing situations of his life are just devices for jerking different, jarring emotions out of us. In Auschwitz, unbearable revulsion and depression. On his arrival in Britain, a thin pathos. When he evicts an old couple, disgust at him, shallow pity for the victims. When he jeers at the British, masochistic satisfaction or irritation, or both. So it goes on, and one simply feels manipulated -- which

means that none of the emotions last. The other characters are cartoon figures — apart from one, Stefan (Mick Ford). Singer's movingly loyal friend from the camps, whose unobtrusive life is devoted to remembering the past, as year by year he covers his walls with frescoes of those who died in the camps.

Nevertheless, except for that relentless chorus of gasps, it was a remarkable production by Michael Fox. The music was haunting; the complex scenes with many people were almost always sharply focussed and instantly intelligible (only the scene where Singer does his first property deal was obscure to me - was he sitting on the pavement?). Sher's achievement was to find the right rhetorical tone wheedling, mean, enraged, self-pitying - for all the different, high-pitched tableaux. But even he could not save the last scene, where a ludicrously

caricatured set of Thatcherite politi-

cians, practically as vicious as the Auschwitz guards, try to tempt Singer back into property dealing, and he casts them behind him as he goes nobly off into the wilderness.

The Natural History Programme (Radio 4, Friday) dipped into a different kind of horror. It brought on a biologist to discuss the plausibility of some of the monsters from outer space in the film Alien. He thought that they most resembled the kind of parasites that lay eggs in caterpillars, but considered it unlikely that such elaborate life-forms would have developed just on the off-chance of hitching a lift on a passing spaceship.

If there is life on other planets, we were reassured, it will probably consist of no more than minute bacteria-like organisms, living under the rocks out of sunlight. That sounds bad enough

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NATIONAL YOUTH THEATRE

Youthful fling lacks the capacity to surprise



Olivia Trench and Emily Bruni, of the National Youth Theatre

THOUGHTS of maps, borders and limits were never far from my mind during this "devised multimedia piece" by the National Youth Theatre of Great Britain, opening its London season. A cast of 14 explored themes of love, desire, jealousy and fulfilment. They continually crossed the dividing lines between physical theatre, mimedance and "straight" drama. There were few scenes of pure dialogue and no narrative thread beyond a poorly worked out sense of flight and pursuit. All on stage impressed with their

fierce commitment, if not always with the way in which they projected such speech as there was. They exemplified the team spirit and physical zest that are the company's hallmarks.
But I fear their ideas have out-

stripped their technical abilities and the resources available. Heavy and frequent reliance on slide-projected images, ambitious use of film sequences and long, ill-advised passages of choreographed movement carrying miniature "junk" sails, on which more film, slide images and tragments of poetry and dialogue are projected, made me restless long before the 90minute show was over. Which was a pity, given the pure exhilaration and

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bracing unexpectedness of much along the way. In part, my dissatisfaction with the

show stemmed from a lack of surprise at the sentiments expressed. Yes, love is a risky business; no question that rejection hurts; sure, love means being able to let go of children, lovers and friends. So far, so obvious. The impression grew that, valuable as working on the piece must have been as an exercise for the cast, it added up to a less than compelling evening.

Andy Price's music, initially impressive in its aptness for either rhythmic drive or elegiac wistfulness, became tedious with repetition; Caroline Rye's slides and projections, in themselves often striking and well-made, seemed to take longer and longer to get going. The side-of-stage appearances by individual cast members, reading pre-pared texts to an unseen and sadistic auditioning authority at the rear of the theatre, simply looked contrived.

One outstandingly effective sequence was the "love-trial" of one

young woman by another (there was no false conventionality about the pairing off anywhere in the show). The demands by one that the other "say you love me" became ever more unreasonable, until she openly revealed the selfobsession which had been her motivation all along. Another highlight was the intermittent parodying of Seven Brides for Seven Brothers-style Western musicals and Lassie films, with a spirited version of "This Land is Your Land" and a splendid "gunfight" around a huge boulder, marched by another scene of hearty cowgirls (one busily shaving) by a waterfall.

Best of the rest was the frenzied. almost martial arts, disco section, to an insistent Michael Jackson-meets-metal riff; but this outstayed its welcome. Director Dean Byfield is also credited with the bulk of the text. More pace. fewer effects and a touch more humour would go far towards improving the show. Perhaps this map covers too large an area. I look forward, however. to seeing how a company with this much talent tackles the next show. Lionel Bart's Maggie May, at the Royalty Theatre from next week.

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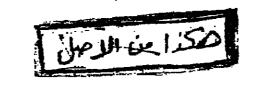
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Triumph on a plate for British baritone

n the latter part of the Salzburg Festival there was at last one opera production that Gerard Mortier and his supporters could with justification claim as a truly grown-up success - Salome conducted by Christoph von Dohnányi and directed by Luc Bondy After the dress rehearsal, which is what the truly smart attend in Salzburg. the buzz went round about the young British bass baritone Bryn Terfel's sensational Jokanaan, with many a "not since the young Hans Hotter encomium. Catherine Malfitano had not sung out in the title role, and so came up on the inside. as it were, on the first night. By the second performance on Sunday they made an overwhelmingly powerful pair of

Maliftano, a noted Butterfly (and still basking in the fame of her "real time" televised Tosca) has a really good edge to her essentially lyric soprano, one that projects easily over even Strauss's orchestra; she is also petite and an instinctively communicative actress, a natural, therefore, for Salome. She and Terfel's Jokanaan, a caged animal towering over her with distinctly equivocal reactions to the challenge of her sexuality, struck sparks off each other of a peculiarly disturbing intensity. Terfel's singing was indeed sensational, heroic of timbre, vividly dramatic of delivery. Every operahouse manager in the audience was mentally marking him down as their next Wotan; let us pray he says no for the next

Erich Wonder's sombre set suggested that Herod was busy constructing a bunker beneath his palace. Jokanaan was imprisoned beneath a concrete slab that had played havoc with the parquet flooring. Within it, Bondy played the piece as an intimate family drama. There were no extras, and Jews (lightly caricatured) and Nazarenes (blond and wholesome — some irony intended?) entered

only when the music demanded it. The problem is that much of the motivation depends on the action being played out in public, but this was made up for by the concentration of Salome's interplay with Herod (Kenneth Riegel) and the elegantly dangerous Herodias of Hanna Schwarz. The chaste Dance was with seven veils and nothing to do with removing them; far more tension was generated by Salome's gradual unveiling of the head, which came gift-wrapped in a cloth dripping with fresh blood. The final

Bryn Terfel's success as Jokanaan in a stunning Salome has

been the sensation of the Salzburg Festival, reports Rodney Milnes

scene, rapturously song by Maliitano, was truly disgusting.

Dohnary's conducting came as a surprise after his memorably delicate. igree reading at Covent Garden three years ago. Here he pussion over a traditional, tub-thumping account of the score which was almost unbearably loud in the Kleines Festspielhaus. Maybe the Vierma Philharmonic players have it written into their contract that they need not play at less than forte in Salzburg. If so, the contract needs swift renegotiation.

This new Salome is a co-production with the Brussels Opera, Mortier's former fief, and it will be seen later in Chicago. Co-productions are new here, and not over-popular audiences feel that high ticket prices should guarantee a certain exclusivity, but even in Salzburg financial realities must reign. There was much lip-curling in advance over the Ursel and Karl-Ernst Herrmann production of La finta giardiniera, which also came from els and has already been to America: why should Salzburg put up with Mortier's cast-offs?

In the event this early Mozart was, musically at least, a high point of the festival, thrustingly conducted by Sylvain Cambreling and played with blithe spirit by the Mozarteum Orchestra. The cast was truly festive: Anne Sofie von Otter radiant in the trouser-role, Joanna Kozlowska as the eponymous fake gar-dener, Laurence Dale as her homicidal admirer, Malvina Major splendidly bossy as his fiancee, Ugo Benelli bringing true Italian dash to the Mayor, with Elzbieta Szmytka and Dale Duesing as the servants. I cannot imagine them being

The main thing is, the audience in the charming little Landestheater absolutely loved the performance, all four-and-a-half hours of it in a commendably full edition - that is what festivals are for. The tastes: fussy, farcical, and presided over by a cute, minute but mature woodland sprite, whose addition to the cast list raised any number of debatable "isms". And to play the murderous Count as a complete ninny right from the start (he fell in a diach in his entrance aria and had to start again) is to avoid most of the issues of the piece. But it looked pretty and was

carefully lit.

The festival's one grave disappointment, to put it mildly, was From the House of the Dead, Claudio Abbado, conducting as though Janaček's opera were being performed in some nightmare edition by Respighi, made no apparent effort to control the balance in the Grosses Festspielhaus: the Vienna Philharmonic let rip and gave the score the full Mantovani sheen, through which the voices occasionally emerged.

The only member of the cast to make

much impression was the American bassbaritone Monte Pederson, who managed to convey some of the agony of Shishkov's narration: Philip Langridge (Skuratov) and Barry McCauley (Luka) were defeated, wastefully so, by the orchestra and by

Janatek's gulag opera was staged by Klaus Michael Grüber in semi-abstract decor (Eduardo Arroyo): chic, cool, pastel shaded and utterly empty, all effect and no cause. It was as though one of the key masterpieces of and about the 20th century were being samused, pretified and made acceptable to a Salzburg andience, to my mind an act of gross artistic betrayal.

The festival's only operatic nod in the direction of the Rossini bicentenary was a pair of concert performances of Tancredi. deprived for musico-political reasons of its two stars, Marilyn Horne and Edita Gruberova. Home apparently declined to perform the original and infinitely superior happy ending, and Gruberova declined to perform without Home.

As it happened, that much under-rated soprano Nelly Miricioiu provided some of the week's loveliest singing as Amenaide. She has everything you need for Rossini: a beautiful and expressive voice, style, taste and technique. A triumph! Horne's substitute was the young Vesselina Kasarova, who had earlier sung Annio in Tito. There is much potential here, and I hope the rave reception she was given for saving the show will not impede steady



Head hunted: Catherine Malfitano in the title role and Bryn Terfel as Jokanaan in Luc Bondy's staging of Salome

EDINBURGH: Benedict Nightingale on Fringe theatre, and David Robinson (right) on early highlights of the film festival

A nose for the rough stuff

EDINBURGH FESTIVAL

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📉 eldom can a chao have been more proboscally challenged than Tom Mannion, playing the title role (Traverse). His hooter sprouts from his face in a great bloated blend of toadstool, jellyfish. dangling testicle and embryonic bagpine, and, like the rest of Gerry Mulgrew's production, it is a refreshing corrective to recent revivals of Rostand's play. True, this is a surpassingly romantic piece. but it is supposed to be about love and war. I have seen Cyranos who loved like narcoleptics, fought like curates - and sported cutely elongated little beaks, more likely to promote dalliance

than disgust. No chance of such sentimentalities when the Scots company, Communicade, comes bursting onstage, all physical bravado and humorous derring do. Edwin. Morgan, the translator, may come up with some odd rhymes (foible with 'nibble"), but his brash contemporary lingo seizes the attention. especially when put across in

Glaswegian accents. Where Christopher Fry expected Rostand's hero to warn the foe with whom he is duelling that "the blade begins to flit, Mannion growls "it's kebab time" and means it. His is a passionate dangerous Cyrano, with his wild man shair and glittering eyes: a tough warrior and, when he surreptitiously substitutes for Kenneth Glenaan's dumb



Malcolm Shields as Valvert; Tom Mannion as Cyrano

with Sandy McDade's Roxane, a genuinely desolate wooer, almost whimpering with the pain of deprivation. Of course, the whole process goes too far. That is apparent from the moment the fashionable Hotel de Bourgogne is revealed as a makeshift fairground in which roughnecks in tuxedos buy ice-creams from girls with trays. It is even more evident when Cyrano's . Gascon noblemen swagger onstage in biker jackets. But the production, raw and raucous though it may be, still makes us aware of what has too often been missing from

the play: inventiveness, energy, immediacy. In short, life. The Traverse may recently have switched operations from a building thrown together by Esau to one custom-built by Jacob: but its two auditoria still have an informal box-like look, and the theatre's management has taken particular

care to fill them with rude, robust work. Take a notuncharacteristic moment in Simon Donald's Life of Stuff, which is to be found, like Cyrano, in the black limbo of Studio One. Would you believe a Glasgow hood giving a credulous pothead a "swee ie" that is actually a sliced-off

toe, and then pulling a do-it-yourself drill from his holster and holding it, quietly buzz-ing, at the throat of his next. naked victim? Would you think me sadistic if I said that the incident is also very funny? Donald is quite a find, a dramatist who can create a world that is gruesome, comic and utterly distinctive. It is one of dim girls looking for ecstasy parties and criminal psychopaths who vary from the sty through the megalomaniac to the utterly dopey. The story takes a confusing turn or two towards the end, but otherwise

it adeptly mixes the tense with

pen to the apprentice gangster appalled to find that when he thought he was burning a van to get the insurance he was actually incinerating a nightclub owner trussed up in the back? Will he be killed by the heavy with the power drill, the eczema problem and the unhappy childhood memories? Or will the victim be the swaggering yuppie whom both men deferentially regard

as their boss? Whether the Glasgow un-derworld is as muddled or as vicious as this, I cannot say. But with Stuart McQuarrie, Brian McCardie and Duncan Duff gormlessly battling it out, John Mitchell's crisp, sardonic production somehow retains credibility. So does another of the more admired efforts on this year's Fringe, Paul Mercier's Studs, which involves an even more barbaric subculture: amateur soccer in the Irish outback

The Passion Machine, as

Mercier's company is aptly called, has only to bounce and clatter onstage for us to wonder why they aren't thrashing Arsenal instead of losing to nohope teams, so loud, pugnacious and disciplined is the acting. Their fortunes improve with a new manager. Earnonn Hunt's Keegan, one of those grubby, disappointed fantasists and angry, alcoholic dreamers often to be found in Irish plays. He provides most of the human interest, but the other 11 actors, in their black shirts and anachronistic baggy white shorts, offer the eyegrabbing excitement. I have to say that I enjoyed their ferociously imaginative miming of matches far more than the draw between Chelsea and Oldham that I saw at Stamford Bridge the other day. But that may be a comment on English football.

Edinburgh film festival has a record of launching new talent Wenders and Almodóvar; My Beautiful Laundrette and A Fish Called Wanda. In 1958 the festival featured

but short, Two Men and a Wardrobe. Thirty-five years on, a surprise screening of Polanski's new Bitter Moon demonstrates that loyalty to former discoveries does not always pay off. In the course of a cruise, a polite young Englishman (Hugh Grant, the best thing in the film) is button-holed by a bitter, sardonic cripple who, with Ancient Mariner persistence, unfolds the unseemly tale of his sadistic sexual life and tormented marriage. In the hands of a Bunuel, the story could have been funny and satirical. Polanski turns it into an embarrassing personal confessional, excruciatingly tedious at 150 minutes.

Roman Polanski's brilliant de-

lan Sellar better justifies Edinburgh's faith. Sellar first appeared at the festival years ago with a film school short. Albert's Memorial, and again in 1989 with Venus Peter. His new film, Prague, is a model

past

of European collaboration. filmed in Czechoslovakia with French and German stars. Sandrine Bonnaire and Bruno Ganz, and a pleasant new Scottish actor Alan Cumming. The anecdote is slight and slyly charming: a young man arrives in Prague in search of a fragment of film of his forebears, killed by the Nazis; but becomes involved in the emotional politics of the film archive. It is anybody's guess if charm and whimsy alone will win the commercial acceptance at which Prague aims. A Briton in America, Mich-

ael Apted, presents an unusual double. Incident at Oglala, produced by Robert Redford, is a fast, straight-to-the-point inquest into the conviction of Leonard Peltier, a member of the American Indian Movement, for the murder of two FBI agents on Pine Ridge reservation in South Dakota in 1975. Recording Peltier's deep-rooted prejudices of many of the white lawyers and police involved, Apted appears to expose a terrible miscar-The case and the documen-

tary are the inspiration of Apted's feature, Thunderheart, actually shot at the same reservation. Val Kilmer plays an FBI man cynically chosen to investigate a murder on the reservation, on account of his part-indian blood. The shameful, third-world social condition of the Indians and the abuses of white racism are shown unsparingly, even if John Fusco's script in the end is side-tracked into mysticism and an evasive, romantic denouement - a wish-dream of Indian revoit.

The biggest successes with Edinburgh audiences have been, inevitably, Baz Luhrman's unfailing Strictly Baliroom and, less predictably, David Attwood's Wild West, a modest British film which makes up in exuberance what it lacks in polish. Its innovation is to see Pakistani life in Southall not in terms of social problems, but through the eyes of ordinary daft kids with unlikely but unquenchable ambitions to be Country and Western stars.

Michael Collins, Tabea Zim-

mermann, and the incisive

brilliance of American violinis

Kurt Nikkanen) triumphed in

a stimulating programme which also included Denisov's

1986 Variation on a Theme

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ARTS BRIEF

Winner's winners

NEVER again can it be said that the great barons of the film and television world do not care about those at the bottom of the pile. The film director Michael Winner and the British Academy of Film and Television Arts have just announced a new award for deserving lower ranks - those bearing such titles as "run-ner", "best boy" and "general junior assistant". Called the Michael Winner/BAFTA Award for the Best Beginner, it will provide an annual £5,000 cash prize, together with £1,000 each for two runners-up.

The first winner will be announced in September 1993. Winner is funding the award himself. "One thing I know, having worked as an employer in motion pictures for 37 years, is that there are people right at the bottom. many of whom do an absolutely stunning job that has not been acknowledged."

Ruffled feathers

AT English National Ballet the swans are getting agitated. First the company's artistic nounced that he was going to mount his own new production of Swan Lake, replacing the Natalia Makarova staging that has since been dropped. Now, Nagy says he is bowing out of the new production, which will be choreographed instead by the Russian ballerina Raissa Struchkova. According to the company. Nagy's change of heart is due to 'personal reasons".

Struchkova, who retired from the stage in 1978, will use the sets and costumes from the 1982 Swan Lake designed by Carl Toms. Swan Lake is due to open in Southampton next February. ENB has also announced a new production of The Sleeping Beauty, choreographed by Ronald Hynd, and opening in autumn 1993.

Last chance . . .

THE National Gallery's Brief Encounters" shows bring together two or three paintings that are related in some way. The latest juxtaposes the gallery's own The Courtyard of a House in Delft by Pieter de Hooch, and Vermeer's The Little Street, from the Rijksmuseum, Amsterdam. De Hooch emerges as the more humane, Vermeer as an early practitioner of Magic Realism. Other early views of Delft by Carel Fahritius and Eghert van der Poel are also included in the show, at the Sunley Room of the National Gallery (071-389 3321) until Monday.



CHAMBER MUSIC: Hilary Finch reports from Stavanger in Norway on an enterprising international festival which is now in its second year

Brief encounter brings lasting benefits

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tavanger's off-shore industry certainly oils the cultural wheels of this small coastal town on the south-west tip of Norway! But ranes and storage tanks are t the only monuments to the e identity of this increasosmopolitan city. ther side of the har-

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perched above the docks, and with its offices in an old sardine-canning factory, is the Stavanger Konserthus, built in the mid-1980s as part of a leafy campus which also houses the Conservatory, Community Music School and, now in its second year, the International Chamber Music Festival

Truls Mork, the cellist, and oboist Gregor Zubicky, founded the festival to provide Norway with a summer focus on chamber music which it played his clarines in the

Nordic neighbours. The Con-servatory offered the use of its buildings free, and a secure team of local sponsors was readily available. Within a year the books balanced, the Commune of Stavanger gave the festival a permanent place in its budget and, among musicians, word was getting around that this, too, was going to be yet another significant meeting place.
This year, Michael Collins

lacked in comparison with its

finest viola players, Tabea Zimmermann; members of the Allegri Quartet found themselves sharpening their wits in the presence of the ourstanding young Czech cellist, Michaela Pukacova. The late night concerts, in

Stavanger's romanesque cathedral, produced, characteristically, some of the liveliest music-making. Tchaikovsky's sextet. Souvenir de Florence packed the cathedral. The innisually clear and spacious acoustic of the grey granite pointed up the playing of the Russian violinist. Sergei Stadler, second to Viktoria Mullova in the Sibelius Competition, first prize-winner in the 1982 Tchaikovsky Competition and, quite unjustifiably. virtually unknown in London

The evening before, Collins had found himself in the company of Peter Carter and Roger Tapping (Allegri Quarter), Fukacova, Hakan Ehren, double bass. Ib Lanzky Otto, horn (both from the Stock-

holm Philharmonic), and bassoonist Dag Jensen for a vigorous Beethoven E flat Septet. This was an unpredictable, risk-taking performance of the type unique to a festival in which musicians previously unknown to each other are worked hard (27 concerts in nine days) in a perilously short space of time. The setup has its casualties, of course: a Poulenc

trio and one or two lunchtime items were under-prepared. The thorny Prokofiev Quintet Op 39, though, (featuring

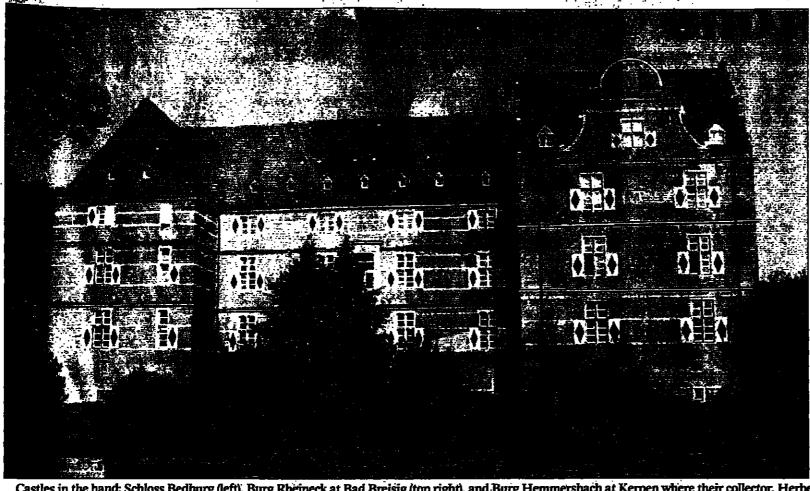
hers is just one of the achievements of a festival which is poised to become a vital part of the ever widening circuit of Nordic festivals.

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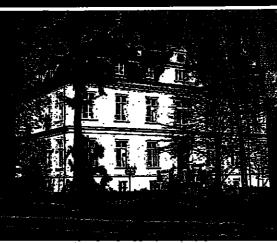
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arrector, Jain Soffey, comes to the fore in Backbeat, about the

he man who collects castles







Castles in the hand: Schloss Bedburg (left), Burg Rheineck at Bad Breisig (top right), and Burg Hemmersbach at Kerpen where their collector, Herbert Hillebrand, has his office in the banqueting hall

he banqueting hall of Burg Hemmersbach at Kerpen, near Cologne, is vast. Four big chandeliers swing from the beams over a table large enough to stage a banquet for 70 people. But even this room is too small to house anything larger than models of Herbert Hillebrand's monumental collection. For Hillebrand probably owns more castles in Germany today than anyone since the days of the

Hohenzollerns. He is so fond of this collection, however, that he has had large-scale models of part of it made and stuck on the walls and sloping roof of the hall, which he uses as an office, so that he can look up and enjoy them while he works. They are so many bird's-eye views of his treasures, which must inspire him in running his international property and building empire, as he sits at one corner of the huge dining table he uses as a desk. So, too, must the wallto-ceiling photograph of his evergrowing family, which covers the a sad wall of the banqueting hall.

The models are of 13 of his network of 22 castles all over Germany, which he has bought and quarter of a century. He is currently negotiating to buy six more from among the 200 which have been put on the market in eastern Germany since unification. He thinks that by the time he has a total of 28 his urge to collect will be satisfied, but there is a look in his eye as he gazes up at his models that suggests he is too

Ian Murray on the ambitions of Herbert Hillebrand, a German property emperor who probably owns more moats and strongholds than anyone since the Hohenzollerns

ever to stop.

Herr Hillebrand was a local

builder in Kerpen who was becoming a successful property developer in 1970 when he bought Burg Disternich, not far away at Düren. It was in a sorry state of repair but he fell in love with the romantic moated and turreted stronghold, built by the Herzog von Jünich in 1217, and decided to renovate it as a present for his eldest daughter, Svenja. Me paid only DM100,000 for it - in those days the equivalent of about E10,000 - but he had to find another million to restore and equip. it with central heating and an indoor swimming pool — a non-authentic luxury which he has installed in every castle he has

The renovation was such a success that he was inspired to go on. He decided, too, that it was unfair for just one of his children to have a castle. He set about finding one for each of them. A strong Catholic, work for orphans in South America, he has 13 children so far, including four adopted Colombian orphans. The youngest is just over a year old but she, like the rest of them, has a castle she can call her own. Some of his older children have already been given a second one.

collected.

The collection is not, however,

hooked on the castle-buying bug simply a rich man's expensive foible ever to stop.

"It is not a hobby," he insisted. "There is too much work and worry involved. It is much easier and more profitable to put up new buildings. But I do love the old buildings. If I could just do what I wanted, I would only restore old buildings."

ing would be able to make money does he take into consideration how beautiful it is or where it is situated. At the same time the final decision on whether to buy depends on whether or not he really likes the castle. "It is like with a woman. Some you look at and just say ja."



They all have a turret of their own: Hillebrand with his children

Herr Hillebrand nevertheless aims to run his collection at a profit. His first priority when sizing up whether to buy a castle or not is 'How can we use it?" Only when he is satisfied that the renovated build-

His collection consists of castles in all shapes and sizes. One has 120 rooms, others are small, moated jewels. The majority were built in the last century, but there are also romantic earlier castles overlooking the Rhine and a splendid fortress at Hamburg.

He said that it was easy enough to find castles for sale if you wanted one. "There are many, many castles in Germany and most of them belong to the local communes. They do not have the money these days to look after them and are keen to privatise if only they can find a

In most cases, he said, he had been able to buy the castles very cheaply, although a usual condition of the contract of sale is that he renovates. The task of restoring a castle to its former glory is made the easier by the extensive documentation available in state archives. "We have very thorough archives, even in eastern Germany, which we can use." These usually detail precisely what the building was like when it was first built and it is therefore possible to recreate the original ideas of the architect.

Some of the best labour he finds in Poland these days. The Poles have a particular skill in making the ornate plasterwork ceilings which were frequently a feature of the castles' more gracious rooms.

The tax authorities provide an added incentive to restore. All investments to preserve buildings which are officially recognised as historic buildings qualify for a ten

means that anyone preserving such a structure can reclaim the full cost of restoration from the taxman over a decade. "You should tell the British about that idea. That might

help there," Herr Hillebrand said. Once the castle is restored, a process which can take two years or more, Herr Hillebrand rents it out. Sometimes the local authority which sold it to him in the first place takes it over again. The castles have a variety of new careers as hotels museums, offices, old people's homes and the like. Inside each of those belonging to his children, however, there is a small area of living quarters which they can use if they want to one day.

At present, however, his whole family live at Kerpen, absentee landlords of the castle collection. Busy as he is, Herr Hillebrand scarcely has time to visit the properties, although he does get to know each of them intimately during the complicated restoration process. They all become, in their way, his children.

Which one of them would he want to keep if he had to sell all the rest? Which would he move to his desert island? An affable man, who an-Herr Hillebrand was worried by

He strode up and down his banqueting hall gazing up lovingly at his collection, pausing and sighing in front of each of them. The choice was impossible. He frowned. "It would be too difficult," he said. "I

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Nederlandse Opera opens the 1992-1993 season with Saint-Saëns's Samson et Delila, a co-production with Bregenzer Festspiele conducted by Hartmut Haenchen. The pious Samson is sung by Wilhiam Cochran and the heathen Delilah by Catherine Keen. Het Muziektheater. Waterlooplein 22, 1011 PG Amsterdam. Tel: (010 31) 20 6255455. Aug 31. Sept 3. 6. 8, 11, 14, 17, 20, 23, 26.

• GSTAAD: The Gstaad-Saananland Menuhin Festival at venues around the town. Performances include the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra under Sir Yehudi Menuhin on Aug 28, 29; La traviata conducted by Bruno Amaducci on Sept 5, and the London Symphony Orchestra under Michael Tilson Thomas on Sept 11, 12.

Gstaad-Saananland Festival. Verkehrsbüro, CH 3780 Gstaad. Tel (010 41) 3047173.

● PARIS: Manifeste at the Centre Georges Pompidou is an exhibition of everything from the years 1960 to 1990 collected by the centre. On the ground floor is a section on design, from aeroplanes to lemon-squeezers. On the upper floors there are innumerable art exhibits — some of which, in the Pop Art and Conceptual Art sections, deliberately make you laugh, such as pictures of visitors taken by hidden TV cameras which are like distorting mirrors. Plus the 1905 to 1960 collection. including works from the estate of Matisse's son.

Manifeste, Centre George Pompidou, Paris. Tel (010 33 1) 44781233. The main art exhibition runs until Nov 9. but some sections will close from Sept 28 onwards.

• STRESA: The Settimane Musicali continues into September. The events take place in theatres and churches around the beautiful town on the shores of Lake Maggiore and in the Palais Borromeo on Isola Bella, in the middle of the lake. Highlights include the St Petersburg Philharmonic Orchestra, Aug 30; the pianist Nikita Magaloff, Sept 7; and violinist Stephane Tran Ngoc, Sept 12.

Settimane Musicali, Via R Bonghi 4, 28049 Stresa. Tel: (010 39) 323 31095/30459. Until Sept 15.

● VIENNA: Caricature and Satire. An exhibition of 500 includes work by Leonardo da Vinci, Hogarth, Goya, Toulouse-Lautrec, and Daumier. KunstHausWien. Untere Weissgerberstrasse 13. Tel: (43 1) 7120495. Daily 10-7pm. From Aug 20 to Oct 18.

HEATHER ALSTON

MUSIC: CZECHOSLOVAKIA

Baroque with cows

t first, Daniel Spicka recalls, it seemed a Preposterous idea in communist Czechoslovakia: a baroque music festival at the ostentatious South Moravian château of Valtice, once seat of the princely Liechtenstein

"We are 400 yards from the Austrian border — there used to be guards with sub-machine guns standing over there," Spicka says, pointing to a hillock. Behind him, under the leaves of a centuries-old maple, a quintet in period dress accompanies a harpsichordist on baroque instruments.

Extravagantly dressed guests file in and out of the brick wine-cellar where a sumptuous buffet is spread. and redine on the lawn drinking Valtice's own 1989 Pinot Noir. Now it is in its third season, the Baroque Summerfest at Valtice does not seem at

all preposterous. Spicka, who is an architect and collector of baroque instruments, combined forces with Radomir Nepras, the château's chief restorer, to hold the first festival in 1989. when it was only an afternoon long. Now, over a period of eight days in August, visitors come from Prague, Vienna and London for a two-day programme of elegant baroque concerts, operas, picnics, feasts and fireworks. But Valtice is not a pure tourist event, since it is held as much for the 50-odd musicians as

for the guests. The leading early music expert, Jiri Kotouc of Prague's National Theatre Orchestra, is the music director. Scholars such as Professor Jan Smaczny of Birmingham University direct and produce the baroque operas and concerts. For a fortnight, the musicians live and work together at Valtice. much as court musicians must have done when Prince

Charles Eusebius von Liechtenstein sought to make his court the rival of the emperor's in Vienna, 65km away. "It's exhilarating and ex-

hausting," says Stephen Bull, a baroque violinist from London who directs the orchestra. "In eight days I've done 20 concerts. When we play on the lawn much of it is sight reading. Daniel refuses to tell us what to play. It's just as it must have been to be a court musician. The only person missing is Prince Liechtenstein."

A major attraction of the festival is the château itself. Released Soviet war prisoners, fearing Stalin would have them shot, seized the castle and made it a fortress, stabling cattle in the courtyard and damaging paintings, frescoes, furniture and rare books left behind by Liechtenstein.

ater, an agricultural cooperative took over the chateau, turning the theatre into a garage and burning the sets and costumes. But a massive restoration is under way, for behind the crumbling facades lie some of the finest interiors in the

Sometimes, the antique jars with the modern. At the far end of the lawn, five magnificent spotted brown cows graze serenely around a massive oak under the lazy eye of a cos-turned cowherd, in a Gainsborough-like tableau vivant. On closer inspection, one finds that the cows are chained to the ground. Then as evening comes on, and the visitors ride off in horse-drawn carriages to watch Marco da Gagliano's opera La Dafne in the castle courtyard, a blue lorry from the local co-operative farm pulls up, and the cows are

trucked back home. PETER GREEN

New monuments for the Crimea?

Russian entrepreneurs are on the move to take over the old battlefields and cemeteries

he battlefields of the Crimea are being fought over once again. Free-market capitalism in Russia has created a new breed of cowboy: the Battlefield Tour Operator. Much to the irritation of the official Russian guide organisation, Intourist these new entrepreneurs have been drawing up inneraries, booking buses and doing up the abandoned ho-tels that once provided de luxe summer residences for Party members, in an attempt to hijack the interest of British tourists in the area.

Causing the most anxiety. however, are their plans to refurbish British monuments and even to build some new ones. The cemeteries and memorials that once filled the landscape were destroyed by heavy bombing during the second world war, and the area is thus acutely short of 'markers". Although none of the building plans have yet met with official approval by the British embassy or any of the British regimental associations, it is not for want of trying. Colonel Ivan Ivanov, one of the most celebrated of these new hucksters, has

FOLLOWING hard on the

heels of the spate of events

dedicated to Lorenzo the

Magnificent, Italy has now

seen the opening of a new cycle of exhibitions, this time

marking the 500th anniversa-

ry of the death of Piero della

Francesca, one of Italy's

greatest Renaissance artists.

Set in many of the places in Tuscany and Umbria where

the artist lived and worked,

they give a delightful insight

into the Italian quattrocento.

The son of a shoemaker,

Piero was born in

Sansepolero in Umbria, and

although he worked in Flor-

ence. Ărezzo. Rome and Urbi-

no, the small town remained

the pivotal point of his work.

drawn up plans for as many as five new British memorials. They were displayed in an exhibition he held in Sebastopol, timed to coincide with the visits of a number of British dignitaries to the area who he

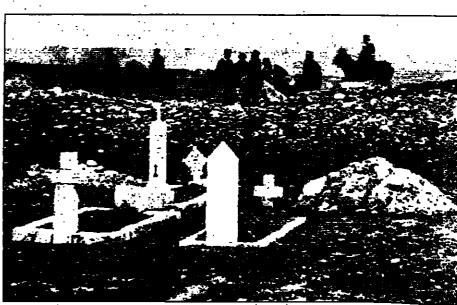
hoped might take him on. He also has plans to build a new Crimean war museum in the shape of a cross, and he wants to excavate one of the British ships that went down off the coast at Sebastopol on November 14, 1854, which is said to contain full bottles of whisky. His most ambitious plan is to build a hotel right in the middle of the Balaclava battlefield.

"The trouble is, although they mean well, they are slightly misguided." says Lt Col Julian Lancaster, who is in charge of building a new official British memorial on Cathcart Hill which will open in October. "They wanted to recreate the cemeteries as they were before they were bombed, by just putting up new headstones without knowing where people were actually buried." Lt Col Lancaster is also worried that unless checked, the new entrepreneurs might start selling off

the surviving cannonballs muskets and other items of historical interest.

Valmai Holt, director of Holt's Tours - Britain's longest established battlefields tour company - has been accosted dozens of times by aspirant tourism magnates with flashy business cards. Although she describes some of their plans as "rather alarming" and not in keeping with British taste which tends to be rather "purist" when it comes to battlefields, she applauds the fact that' they are trying to promote new ideas. The problem is there isn't room for dozens of Crimean war tour operators and conservationists, nor enough money. When i ask them how they intend to fund their projects their answer is always 'Money no problem, but who in Russia is going to support a plan to build memorials to the English, at a time when they can barely find enough to keep themselves alive?"

Certainly the irony of erecting monuments glorifying the military success of the opposition seems to have escaped these commercialists in their desperation for hard currency.



British officers on the lookout at Cathcart Hill: how will they be remembered?

There is an undeniable need for something more to be done to mark the area's historical importance. The memorial at Cathcart Hill will be the only one there. Meanwhile on the heights above the Alma there are broken headstones commemorating the Royal Welch Fusiliers who fell there, and even human bones lying on the surface of the ground. The North valley, the site of the Charge of the Light Brigade,

remains remarkably intact, as is the farm that formed Lord Raglan's HQ, but there is no guarantee that they will stay this way.

Despite their failure to secure much support for their own ideas, the new entrepreallowed to help Colonel Lancaster with his current project. He has employed Russian workmen to build the obelisk because "the most important thing as far as the Russians are concerned is to prove to potential investors in the West that Russian workmen funded by British money is a combination that can work, even if it is just on one war memorial". in fact they could not have

chosen a better symbol to work on, or one more likely to inspire Western sympathy.

CATHERINE

ART: ITALY

Piero, Piero everywhere

His house now serves as an atmospheric display area and has opened its doors to an exhibition entitled In Piero's Sphere: Painting in Central Italy during the Age of Piero della Francesca. It traces the rise of Piero's art and the way it spread beyond his native territory, where many of his

greatest works remain, to the courts of Italy.

The celebrations offer an opportunity to view some of Piero's masterpieces, such as

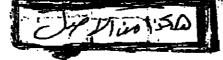
an impressive Resurrection or the polyptych of The Virgin of Pity and St Julian, in the Courts. Under the enlightened patronage of Duke Federico da Montefeltro, the duchy became a major politsetting of the Val Tiberina landscape which provides the ical and cultural centre in the background for many of the 15th century and kept Piero busy fulfilling court commis-sions. The most outstanding artist's works. Works which inspired Piero, by artists such as Sassetta and Beato Angeliof these are the diptych porco, are also on view. traits of the duke, portrayed Another part of the celebra in red against a peaceful

landscape, and his duchess, Battista Sforza. They are splendid examples of Piero's tory cycle, located in the magnificent Ducal Palace in Urbino, is Piero and Urbino: Piero and the Renaissance calm, mathematical art.

From Sansepolcro and Ur-bino, it is only 20km to Arezzo, where Piero's most famous fresco. the History of the Holy Cross. decorates the chancel of St Francis' Church. A novel exhibition in the lower church, entitled Through Piero's Eyes: Clothing and Jewellery in the Works of Piero della France scz, looks at the exquisitely delicate detail of the jewellery and clothes worn by the people depicted in the fresco

and other major works. The bracelets, brooches and necklaces are recreated by tine contemporary Italian jeweller Giulio Manfredi and include a faithful interpretation of the Queen of Sheba's diadem and a white-gold bracelet inspired by the rhythms of the fresco.

RUTH SULLIVA. 1 ● In Piero's Sphere: Painting Central Italy during the Age Piero della Francesca. Cusa Piero, Sansepolcro. ● Plero and Urbino: Piero and Renaissance Courts. Ducale, Urbino. Through Piero's Eyes: Ch and Jewellery in the Works u della Francesta. Basilica In di San Francesco, Arezzo All echibitions until Octo



Passionate apostle for the lexicon of love

Alice Thomson meets Jeanette Winterson, literary acrobat,

uncompromising careerist and idealist about love

ere are the facts. She was born in 1959 and adopted as a baby by a Pentecostal Evangelical couple in Lancashire. In her mid-teens she had a romance with a girl, a fish-filleter. Her mother had her publicly denounced in the church and she was forced out of her home. She worked in a funeral parlour and as a domestic in a mental hospital before going to. Oxford University and becoming a novelist. She has a personal astrolo-ger and is an organic vegetarian. She owns a converted MG, two cars and is a lesbian.

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Jeanette Winterson does not like facts. She prefers girls with webbed feet. A lady whose tears have turned to jewels. A family whose house has no floors so they spend their lives. living on tightropes. A husband who gulps a varful of poisoned milk and swells to such a size that he

Ms Winterson is the author of five novels, including Oranges Are Not the Only Fruit; The Passion, and Sexing the Cherry. Her latest, Written on the Body is about love and passion, concentrating on the most physical and tangible aspects of relationships, but remaining sensual rather than erotic. The main character is asexual but far from unsexed and the litary of love affairs she/he runs through seem highly personal.

Ms Winterson refuses to confirm or deny whether the novel is based on personal experience. "None of my novels are autobiographical," she says. Oranges Are Not the Only Fruit is about a foundling brought up by pentecostal parents who is forced out of her home for having a lesbian love affair, but this, as Ms Winterson explains does not make it autobiographical.

"My novels are stories and I will never for anyone sort out what happened and what didn't happen because the principle of my work is to suggest that we can never really know what did and didn't happen, that the boundaries between histoand dreaming, are always being blurred and muddled," she says.

What is certain is that Ms Winterson shares a house with her lover in Dartmouth Park, north London. She has a gentle demean-our and is slight but not frail. Her house is filled with delicate furniture and her soft Lancashire vowels echo around the sitting room. Like her novels her conversation does not follow a pre-determined course. She marries history to myth, aphorism to poetry and fairy tale to fact,

but she always returns to love.

"Love is the driving human force, whether it is love in the passionate sense, filial or family love or love's obverse - hate. I am idealistic literary acrobat and, despite occa-

about love. However it is debased or misinterpreted, it is a redemptive factor," she says. "To focus on one individual so their desires become superior to yours is a very eleansing

Ms Winterson is concerned that relationships often founder on the clichés used to express passion and desire and hopes that her new novel will expand the lexicon of love, exploring uncharted linguistic territory, in an area where the literary paths are especially well trodden. "Art is about tapping into the human condition and trying to define those urbulent, but often inarticulate emotions which beset everyone. Reassurance isn't about the answers, but finding a voice and a structure to your feelings,"

Although an intensely private

'Love is the driving human force, whether it is love in the passionate sense, filial or family love. or love's obverse — hate'

person, she has an evangelical yearning to reach out to people and a gift for preaching which she learnt as a child brought up on a diet of the Bible and sermons. "A great many people write to me with their thoughts and questions. Women in particular need role models. I want to influence the way people think, to jolt them out of assumption and habit and let them responsibility not to be shoddy or lazy in art or life."

Ms Winterson has no role modeis but does admit to admiting Dolly Parton for being strong, doing what she wants and for inventing herself. She reads some poetry and pre-second world war writers, but of her own generation says. They are deeply complacent and there is a lot of copy-catting. Few writers achieve their own form and open up new landscapes and there has been a total turning back of any pleasure in language.

She believes that, like love, words can both release and suffocate. She is, first and foremost, an amazing sionally appearing trite, seems able to make her spries, however fantastic, seem credible, as unusual language complements unusual "I want to encourage language in all its complexity; that's what really excites me. Too often it is just slooply and dirty," she says.
"In the other arts you learn your craft first. Unfortunately language is the currency of everyday shop-ping lists. Writers need know nothing, just pour out their experi-

Not surprisingly, none of her close friends are writers. She has four good friends, all women - an actress, a publisher, a painter and an architect - who she turns to for support. But having been brought up by her mother to believe that she could save the world, her confi-dence in her own abilities has rarely wavered and extends beyond her own medium into relevision, news papers and films.

schoolboy grammar."

She is best acquainted with television as Oranges Are Not the Only Fruit was made into a successful small screen drama series. She feels that she has managed to subvert the relentless realism of the medium and use it for her own ends, but is clearly still deeply suspicious of it, and refuses to own a television. "It's shoddy We make fifth rate programmes when people deserve first rate ones. I can only make a certain number of programmes so most of the time there is nothing to watch. It would be better if the screens were blank," she says. As for newspapers, she is not prepared to read the "dungheap" of words that are churned out every day although she is prepared to write the occasional

Her attitude to films is less scathing but she still feels that they need the Winterson touch and has written a screen play. Great Moments in Aviation that will première at Cannes next year, about a black woman who comes to Britain in the late 1950s thinking it is the lenging your assumptions," she

This is typical Winterson. She believes that everyone should challenge themselves and is offering me advice on my career after an hour's acquaintance. "Everyone has potential. To compromise and turn your back on what you want is extremely damaging. In the Winterson world that cannot happen. You must keep developing yourself and see past your own full stops," she says. Her favourite characters are always pushing themselves forward. Flying off into the ether, dancing themselves into dizzy points of light, falling in love



Role model woman: "I want to influence the way people think, to jolt them out of assumption . . . let them discover their passions"

As well as female beauty, Ms Winterson admires strong, wise women. They pepper her books, from the domineering mother in Oranges Are Not the Only Fruit, to the giant dogwoman in Seeing the Cherry. "I only work with women. I prefer their attitude, efficiency and calm," she says and calls herself a feminist though not a feminist writer. "We are still not in the postfeminist age. I am one of the few young women who has made it as a writer financially and internationally. Women aren't taken seriously until they are in their fifties."

She does not think these attitudes have alienated male readers and believes that her masculine characters are often role models (the two main ones so far are Jordan, the son of the dogwoman, an androgenous sort who dresses in petticoats. and Henri, an army cook who idolises Napoleon). "I wouldn't be naive enough to think that the males I come across on the street are sensitive, tender or loving," she says. "But I am prepared to put considerate men in my books because it may trigger something of

"When I wrote about Jordan and Henri I got a lot of letters from young men, especially in the armed forces, confiding that they did cry in their bunks and feel insecure with

the he-man image. It may be that the macho conspiracy is so deep that men can't write about it. I don't know.' Ms Winterson only selectively

engages in the outside world. On the rare occasions she is not working, her time is spent browsing in the British Library, cycling, looking after the cats, and seeing her friends. "I love my partner very much but she doesn't come first, the sort of man they would like to work does," she says. "It wouldn't make any difference if I didn't see anyone or do anything. I would still be able to write."

> She is prepared to enter the fray over certain issues and campaigns for Stonewall, the homosexual pres-

needs to fight for our rights", but she dislikes being famous. "If I want to buy courgettes I do not want to be asked about art or have tracts of my book quoted at me."

Her first four novels have brought both excellent reviews and financial independence, but if her fame fell away, she could easily leave her liberal, comfortable world. "I would live anywhere to keep on writing," she says. As Napoleon says in *The Passion*: "I go on writing so that I will always have something to read."

Written on the Body will be published Jonathan Cape on September 10

Far from being liberated by democracy, the Russian professional woman is finding life even more harassing

'll pay," whispered the elegant American to Ella Levdansdkaya when he realised his sweet talking was getting him nowhere. Ms. Levdansdkaya, a teacher of English in a Moscow secondary school earns extra income as a guide-translator for business entrepreneurs in the new Russia. She describes the western commercial types as "Joint Adventurers".

The end of the planned economy has meant unemployment for many professionwomen. Nowadays, any thing goes. Corruption, pimping and prostitution were not unknown in Russia before perestroika. It is just that now they have come out of the The American assured 39-

year-old Ms Levdansdkaya, divorced with a 14-year-old daughter, that he could have had any of the other women in the room. However, having employed her as a translator all day, she and she alone had become the object of his lust. Sexual harassment has always existed, in Russia now it

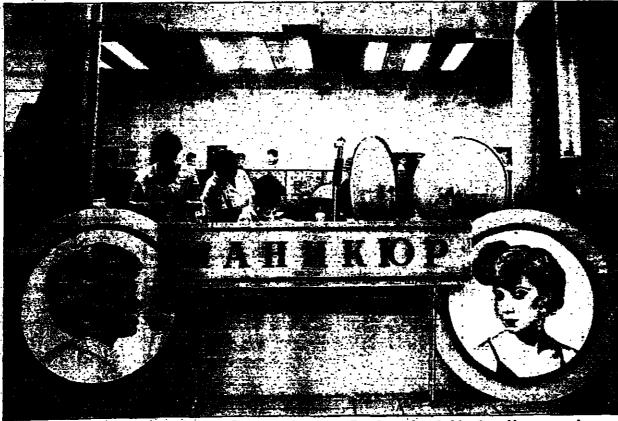
is endemic. Ms Levdansdkaya says she knows of one case where an office job was advertised and a very pretty woman was selected from a huge crowd of over-qualified hopefuls. She found she was expected to be the "office wife", serving her four male coworkers sexually, as well as doing the shorthand and

'It is almost impossible for a vestern woman to understand the stress and pressure of a Russian woman's life," Ms Levdansdkaya says. "Western people disappoint me.

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work gives her the advanto of meeting and betriendforeigners and now she e freedom and hixiny to She stayed in Surrey er with an English ebe befriended in

Sweet talk, sour lives



Images of indulgence: the real luxuries for women in the new Russia are female friends and happy marriages

Moscow, her daughter Eugenie attended a local state school for a month.

Talking about her life in Moscow over coffee with a group of women in west London, she was amazed by their sensitivities to class distinctions. Ms Levdansdkaya's conversation is riddled with references to class, which still powerfully effects the quality of every Russian's life. She feels no responsibility for the labouring classes, nor any altruistic zeal to help them raise

She spoke to several wornan's organisations during her visit and relates how a "Third World" woman advised her. "Tell the Russians not to destroy the statues of Stalin".

course," Levdansdkaya says. Soviet Union was the best friend of Third World countries and now they feel neglected, but when these women visited the USSR, they were. shown only the best things." Telling her how terrible life can be in Britain for black and "T". Russian coils are large Asian people cuts no ice with and terribly painful to insert. can be in Britain for black and

Ms Levdansdkaya. "Life is terrible for all people in Russia; particularly for women."

Contraception and family planning are one of the worst problems. The men hate condoms which are, in any case, not easily available. Ms Levdansdkaya is lucky; through knowing the right person, giving the doctor a present and sending the Swiss supplier a record of her periods, she has now been fitted with her second Swiss copper The Pill is used mainly by married women or women in stable relationships: "Russian men are very spoiled."

Neverthless, Russian women tend to stand by their men. They would never throw them out. Ms Levdansdkaya says, sex is one of the few pleasures the women have.

A British sex therapist in one group of women she spoke to could not understand why Russian warmen did not form self-help groups. Said Ms eya, with some unwould spend it giving private lessons to earn a little more money for my daughter". In a society where most have very little, envy and competition often sour potential relationships. Female companionship and friendship are a luxury. According to Ms Levdans

dkaya, Russians are sexually prudish. Lesbianism "doesn" exist". The mere mention of Martina Navratilova elicits scorn, contempt and titters. Homosexual acts between consenting males are illegal.

Levdansdkaya's English language students were reluctant to study Oscar Wilde's The Picture of Dorian Grey, solely on the basis of Wilde's homosexuality, which was described in the preface written in the 1980s to have been caused by the excesses of a bourgeois lifestyle.

Ms Levdansdkaya studied English linguistics and has a degree from the Moscow Instirute of Foreign Language, now called the Moscow Institute of Linguistics. Her career has been a little miracle in itself as she not only had to overcome the disadvantages of being a woman, but also of being Jewish, although her Jewishness is confined to her

ethnic heritage. Ms Levdansdkaya, married for seven years, has been divorced since 1986. "We have a lot of very unhappy marriages because of the problems of economic dependence

and housing." One thing that really fascinated her during her trip to England: "All those middleaged couples holding hands and kissing each other hello and goodbye. They must have been married for 25 or 30 years. Is that really possible in

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Where clam and crayfish reigned, quagga

and ruffe are moving in. Now the

Americans are out to stop the colonisation

of their lakes. Nick Nuttall reports

he Great Lakes of North America are being invaded: plants and animals from Europe and elsewhere are pushing out native species and damaging habitats. Many of the invaders are thought to have arrived by ship.

sucked up from their native homes as ballast, to be discharged later into the water and estuaries of Canada and the United States. Other invaders have also come in ships, but as rock and sand ballasts.

An estimated 136 alien plants and animals are now in the Great Lakes, with more than one-third of them having arrived in the past 30 years, an increase which coincides with the opening of the St Lawrence Seaway, according to a report by the Great Lakes Fisheries Commission, based in Ann Arbor.

Michigan. Native animals and plants have already been victims of pollution from man-made chemicals dumped in the waters by lakeside factories and chemical plants. In Lake Ontario fishermen go armed with books that detail the age of species, such as lake trout, based on their size. If the fish caught is over a certain age, it is either thrown back or put out with the rubbish at home: the catch is calculated to have built up unhealthy amounts of metals and other potentially poisonous pollutants in its system. Added to such man-made prob-

lems, some scientists fear that the arrival and consolidation of the alien life forms, which have few or no natural predators in their new home, could further push many native creatures to the brink of extinction.

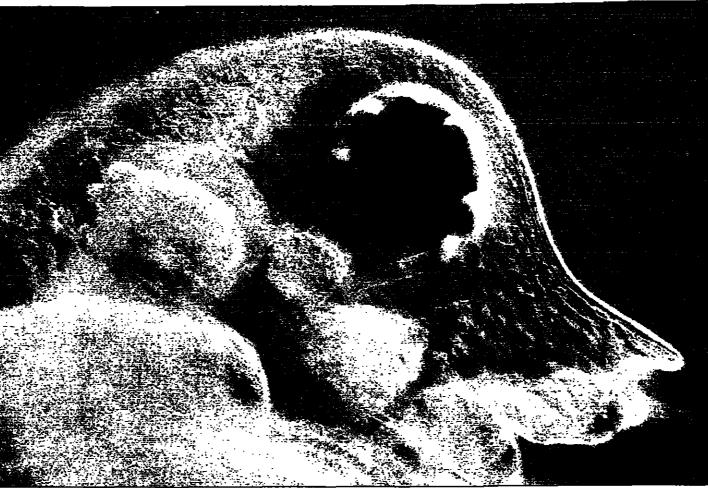
The most widely-publicised invader is the European zebra mussel. Dreissena polymorpha, which is believed to have been dumped by an unidentified vessel into Lake St Clair in 1986.

Since then, the mussels, which are I'in long, have colonised thousands of miles of Lake Erie and Lake Ontario, even as far as the Hudson, Susquehanna and Mississipi rivers. killing native clams and crayfish, often by suffocation.

Controlling the spread, a job currently being undertaken by the United States fish and wildlife service, is expected to cost £2.6 billion over ten years.

Now a new mussel threat has been identified in Lake Ontario by scientists at Cornel University's biological field station in Bridgeport, New York. Specimens were first trawled up from deep waters of the lake's southern basin in 1990. but were dismissed as being deformed zebra mussels.

However, studies in the Erie Canal prompted scientists to take a longer look and they have concluded that the bivalve is a different, alien, species. This has been con-



Crustacean at risk: the Daphnia, an important source of food for small native fish, is now a prey for the European spiny water flea

firmed by genetic tests. It has been christened "quagga", after an extinct relative of the zebra mussel.

Studies undertaken in June have found quaggas, which can be 20 to 50 per cent bigger than zebras, living in large numbers among zebra mussels, a life-style which has been observed in the Black Sea and which offers clues to the origin of the ship which brought them to the Great Lakes.

Bivalves are not the only threat to the natural wildlife of the Great Lakes. Scientists are also becoming worried about an alien fish called the ruffe, Gymnocephalus cernuus. which is a member of the perch family and was first seen in 1987 in the St Louis estuary of western Lake Superior, near Duluth-Superior harbour, the second busiest port of the Great Lakes.

According to a report in the magazine Science News, the fish is

an aggressive competitor that tends to dominate any ecosystem it

Nearly two million are believed to be now spawning in the estuary and ruff have been found in Thunder Bay, Lake Ontario, and parts of the St Louis River, where their arrival has been accompanied by a fall in species such as the

The success of the alien, which at 5in long is considered too small to be of interest to fishermen, is believed to be linked with its early maturity and ability to spawn in a variety of conditions.

nother unwelcome immigrant is the spiny water flea. This tiny insect, be-Llieved to have been brought over in the ballast of a Soviet tanker, arrived in Lake Huron in 1984 and has subsequently moved into lakes Erie, Ontario, Michigan and Superior.

The flea, Bythotrepehes cederstroemi, likes to feed on a microscopic crustacean, Daphnia. which itself feeds on algae. What concerns the researchers is that Daphnia represents an important source of food for small native fish. which could be reduced if the flea eats too many crustacean.

Studies have found that this may already be happening, with some populations of Daphnia having decreased since the flea's arrival. Not all alien life forms have been

brought by ship. Oriental weatherfish, Misgurnus anguillicaudatus, are believed to have escaped from an aquarium wholesalers into a river which drains into Lake Huron. The Eurasian milfoil, a plant used in aquariums, got into the Great Lakes as long ago as 1880. Now it is pushing out native plants and clogging up waterways. The purple loosetrife, Lythrum salicaria, which is damaging important wildfowl habitat and has pushed out cattails, could have arrived from Europe as a garden plant or possibly with imported sheep a century ago.

Nevertheless, the recent arrivals and their potential for widescale eco-system damage has prompted the authorities to act. From November, transoceanic ships will be required to unload fresh water ballast and take on sea water before going into the Great Lakes. The US coastguard is calling for a voluntary scheme to operate nationwide.

Concern for the Great Lakes has also prompted Congress to order the National Biological Invasions Shipping Study, which will try to calculate the amount and source of ballast entering fresh waters throughout the United States.

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India set for space

INDIA intends to send probes to the planets, the head of the Indian Space Research Organisation says. Professor UR Rao told United News of India, the news agency. that the first satellite probe should be launched in six or seven years. India launched its first satellite in May this year. Professor Roa said that the first planetary mission would probably be to Mars, in 1998-99, and could be followed by missions to Mercury and Venus He said he was not sure whether India could afford the cost of such ventures. "We must be ready with the technology and worry about the funds later. If the government cannot fund the entire project, we could collaborate with other countries," Professor Rao says.

New cancer tests

AMERICAN scientists have developed a simple blood test that detects malignant melanoma and other deadly cancers at their earliest and most curable stages. Dr Donald Morton, of the John Wayne Cancer Institute in Santa Monica, California, said the test analyses blood samples for the presence of a "turnour-associated antigen" which is produced by cancer cells. "This is the first step in the creation of an early cancer-detection programme for individ-uals who are at high risk of developing malignancy," Dr Mor-ton said. In a study of the test's effectiveness on 250 healthy subjects and 419 patients with melanoma, sarcoma, breast, lung or colon cancer, 56 per cent of the cancer patients tested positive compared with only 3 per cent of the control group, he said.

Protein discovery

SCIENTISTS claim to have made an important step forward in the fight against Parkinson's disease. the progressive neurological disorder that causes tremors and rigid muscles. Researchers at the school of medicine at the University of California in Los Angeles have identified a protein that appears to be vital to healthy brain function. The protein, called chromaffin granule amine transporter or CGAT, rids nerve cells of toxic substances that may accumulate and lead to the type of brain-cell death seen in Parkinson's victims.

Genetic progress

RESEARCHERS in Cambridge and at the University of North Carolina have claimed success in developing a mouse model for the human genetic disease of cystic fibrosis (CF). The Cambridge team, based at the Institute of Cancer and Developmental Biology, have created a mutation on the equivalent gene in mice. When both parents carry this defective gene. their offspring show symptoms similar to those of CF sufferers. Similar results have been achieved at North Carolina and mean that the genetically engineered mice can now be used to test new therapies for the condition, which is Britain's most common inherited disease.

Faraday award

THE Royal Society has given the Michael Faraday Award for 1992 to Richard Gregory of the Psychology Department at the University of Bristol. Professor Gregory, whose work has encompassed vision and the brain, was given the annual award in recognition of his achievements in furthering the public understanding of science.



Current research: Professor Russ Davis (left) looks on as an assistant assembles an ALACE probe

Oceans of information

own in the cold blackness 1,000 metres beneath the surface of the Pacific, one of Professor Russ Davis's creations stirs. Barely perceptibly, it starts to rise. Less than half an hour later it breaks through the waves and announces its arrival to an orbiting satellite. Then it falls silent and sinks back down again to continue its undersea vovage.

Called ALACE (for Autonomous Lagrangian Circulation Explorer). it is one of about 100 similar probes launched since 1990 that report back to their creator once every two weeks. Together they are giving Professor Davis, an oceanographer at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography in La Jolla, California, insights into the currents that drive

the oceans deep beneath the waves. The circulation of the oceans is intimately linked to the Earth's climate, distributing the sun's heat around the globe. Yet for years scientists have known little about these currents, especially those beneath the surface.

The first attempts to map them, made in the 1950s, involved dropping probes from ships and trying

Scientists have found a way to track the movement

of currents to follow them. This proved hopelessly expensive. It became obvious

that the probes had to be capable of looking after themselves. Starting in the early 1980s, it took Professor Davis and his colleagues ten years to crack the problem: "What took longest was trying to generate the energy for going up and down for a long

time," Professor Davis says. This involved making ALACE in the form of a 120-centimetre long aluminium tube with an overall density just a little greater than surface sea-water. This ensures ALACE will sink. But as it descends it travels through water which is under ever-greater pressure, and thus of increasing density. Eventually, about 1,000 metres below the surface. ALACE encounters water

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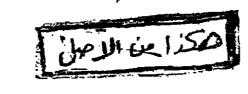
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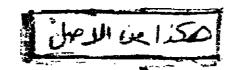
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familiar. Last week, it was the turn of businessman Stephen Ensor and his wife, who looked on as bailiffs changed the locks on their eightbedroomed. £350,000-Georgian mansion at Bembridge, Isle of Wight. The house, like 35,750 others in the first six months of the year, was repossessed. Mr and Mrs Ensor and their children had to move into one room at a councilowned hostel used by !! other dispossessed families.

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One family's tragedy, however, could soon become another family's new home. The trade in repossessed properties is brisk, the bargains plentiful and the choice wide-ranging. The property market is under the hammer. The only problem is, where?

Lancashire and Leicestershire could be the counties for househunters to start looking for the best bargains. An analysis of figures from the Lord Chancellor's department last week by Roof magazine. published by the housing pressure group Shelter, showed that the trend in repossessions was up 30 per cent in Leicestershire and 14 per cent in Lancashire.

Lenders aim to sell through estate agents without drawing undue anention to the fact that the sale is by order of the mortgagees in possession. By law, lenders are obliged to realise the highest price available for such property. Highlighting its repossessed provenance could prejudice buyers who may think they can bear down prices, or dissuade the squeamish who are

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capitalising on the misery of others. Fear of visits from bailiffs in pursuit of unpaid bills also deters some buyers. The financial complications arising from living in a repossessed property can be far-reaching. An initial credit-card application, for example, is likely to be denied because of the address.

Nationwide Building Society, the country's second biggest lender, is typical in its approach to disposing of repossessed property. The society tends to sell such homes through a local branch of its own chain of estate agents. Halifax Building Society also has its own estate agents, and many of the other big lenders have links with particular estateagency chains.

The price at which a repossessed home is put on the market is a mean of the lender's and the estate agent's separate valuations. The marketing is in the hands of the estate agents, but most lenders insist on the use of standard marketing tools: the property should be advertised in the local press using a colour photograph of a certain size, and the sale board

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Before you put up your hand to buy, your finance must be in place and your solicitor should have checked the lease

> lists of repossessed properties The Council of Mortgage Lenders (CML) also reports that such requests are now among its most common. But neither organisation issues such lists: the CML doesn't have one and the Nationwide doesn't want to.

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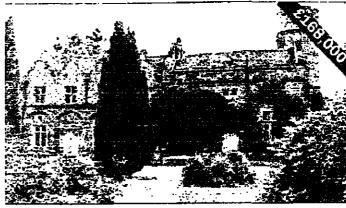
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No mental test for applicants

Regina v Tower Hamlets London Borough Council, Ex parte Lutfur Rahman Regina v Same, Ex parte Ferdous Begum

Before Lord Donaldson of Lymington, Master of the Rolls, ord Justice Butler-Sloss and Lord Judgment July 30]

A person suffering from mental impairment who was homeless or threatened with homelessness was not prevented from making an application for housing under the Housing Act 1985 on the ground that he had insufficient capacity either to form the intention of applying or to understand that ar application was being made on his

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The Court of Appeal so held (i) granting an application for ju-dicial review by Linfur Rahman of a decision of Tower Hamless London Borough Council that by reason of mental impairment he had not made an application for housing under section 62 of the 1985 Acre and

(ii) allowing an appeal by Ferdous Begum from Mr Justice Rose (The Times December 12. 1991) who had dismissed her application for judicial review of the same local authority's decision

application for housing under the 1985 Act.

Mr Robert Carnwath, QC and Mr Terence Gallivan for Lutfur an: Mr David Watkinson and Mr Leslie Thomas for Ferdous Begum: Mr Ashley Underwood and Miss Lisa Giovannetti for the

LORD JUSTICE BUTLER-SLOSS said that the applicants' primary argument was that there was no line to be drawn between those with sufficient understanding to make their own applications or to consent to applications being made by others on their behalf and those with no comprehension whatsoever who were homeless or threatened with homelessness and whose plight ought to be considered and redressed within the

framework of Part III of the Act. Their secondary argument was that both applicants had in fact sufficient understanding of the concept of homelessness and the need to seek help to come within the meaning of an applicant who inew he was making an appl tion or consented to an application being made on his behalf.

Her Ladyship accepted Mr Carowath's further argument that the question of who was an applicant was not a matter for the decision of the local housing authority to be challenged on the

cial Picture Houses Ltd v Wednesbury Corporation (1948) 1 KB 223)) but was a jurisdictional fact as to the point at which the housing authority's duties came into existence and fell to be

teriewed on Khawaja principles (R v Secretary of State for the Home Department, Er parte Khawaja [[1984] AC 74)). Consequently, if the housing authority could be shown to have come to the wrong conclusion, the court might, if appropriate, sub-stitute its own decision.

Mr Underwood had argued that the structure of the Act pre-supposed an applicant of sufficient understanding to be able to make an application or to consent to its being made on his behalf.

Those incapable of such understanding did not come within the Housing Act 1985 but their needs were to be met by the social services within the structure of the National Assistance Act 1948. Her Ladyship would reject that

gument. There was nothing in e 1985 Act to demonstrate that section 62 provided hardles of mental capacity to be surmounted before an application could be accepted. Section 59(1)(c) contem-plated that applications would be se under a disability or

with the expressed policy of govcriment departments to accept might in the past have been shut away in long-stay institutions.

The purpose of the framework of include those with mental illness or handicap without reference to are definable cut-off point of menual CADACITY.

An application might be made by a person with capacity to make or by another with the apphicant's consent, or by some on behalf of a person entitled to make the application but unable to do so through mental incapacity. In that latter case the maker of

the application had to demonstrate reasonable grounds for doing so and for acting on the actual applicant's behalf, and that he was acting bong fide in the interests of the person unable to act without such help. An application by a well mean-

ing busybody would not be an acceptable application under sec-

The Master of the Rolls and Lord Justice Staughton delivered concurring judgments. Solicitors: T. V. Edwards & Co. Stepney; Hereward & Foster, Can-

sanction upon a third party.

The point had not been argued. before the court, but his Londshin's view was that it was need. A construction of the legisla-tion argued for on behalf of the only in rare circumstances that a court should consider accepting an instead of or in support of a compensation order.

In the instant case, the procedure followed did not create a sinuation in which an undertaking could be enforced by proceedings

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Court so stated in dismissing proceedings for contempt of court

brought by the Attorney-general against Jack Homer Mantoura

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Mr Andrew Collins, QC, for the

Attorney-general; Mr James Munby, QC, for Mr Mantoura.

court dealing with an offender should not put itself in the position

of determining the sentence which it considered appropriate on the basis that it might have to impose a

MR JUSTICE PILL said that a

The Queen's Bench Divisional

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Dudgment July 31

The plainest indication would need to be given that an undertak-ing as distinct from a preparedness to give an undertaking, was given and was accepted by the court as

The terms of the undertaking made and accepted, including the date by which payment was to be made, would need to be plainly set out. Bearing in mind the con-sequences which could follow, the undertaking would be reduced to writing and retained with the court record. Formality would be

Thus even if, contrary to his Lordship's view, it was proper to accept an undertaking from the respondent, the procedure in fact followed did not create a situation in which it would be appropriate to make an order against the respon-dent on the present application. Solicitors: DPP: Ewings & Co.

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Trust and Savings Association v Chrismas and Others (The Kyriaki) Before Mr. Justice Hirs

Attorney-general v Mantoura (Fudgment July 31) Before Lord Justice Woolf and Mr A writ which was amended to include new defendants had to be served on those defendants within When sentencing an offender, a court should only rarely consider the firm tation period it it was not to

be time barred.

Mr Justice Hirst so held in the Commercial Court of the Queen's Bench Division in inter alia. granting a summons by nine defendants seeking an order to set ance amended with served by the plaintife, Bank of America Natmeal Trust and Savanes Associ ation, who dained as assignees of various marine insurance policies issued by the nine defendants
Mr Alistair Schaff for the plain-

tiffs. Mr Richard Aikens, QC and Mr Neil Calver for the defendants.

MR JUSTICE HIRST said that the defendants argued that on the plain and natural meaning of section 35(3) of the Limitation Act allowing a new claim involving the addition or substitution of a new party to be made after the expiry of the relevant limitation period.

In the present case, by Order 15. rule 8(4) of the Rules of the Supreme Court, as construed in man v Hansel Properties Ltd [1987] AC 189), none of the defendants became parties until the writ had been properly amended and served on them, well outside the limitation period.

For the plaintiff, it was argued that, on the proper construction of section 35(3), all that was required was that the plaintiff should obtain leave to amend within the limitation period and no more.

The defendants' construction would, it was submitted, be extremely anomalous seeing that an issued within the limitation period. could be served outside that period provided the ceneral time limit for

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His Lordship accepted the case of a new defendant an order which permitted service upon him outside the limitation period was service that the claim was eff-ectively brought against him. Thus Order 15, rule 8(4) was directly relevant and applicable.

His Lordship also rejected the submission that Keneman could be distinguished because section 35(1) of the 1980 Art had reinstated the theory that joinder of a new defendant related back to the date of issue of the writ. It was in order to preserve the principle tha ioinder did not relate back that added

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No duty to house dependent children

Regina v Bexley London Borough Council, Ex parte B Regina v Oldham Metropoliian Borough Council, Ex par-

Before Lord Justice Ralph Gibson, Lord Justice Nolan and Lord

[Judgment August 6] A local housing authority was under no obligation to rehouse a dependent child whose parents' application under section 62 of the Housing Act 1985 for permanent accommodation had been refused

intentionally homeless.

The Court of Appeal so held in dismissing appeals by (i) B, aged five, and (ii) G, aged four, against (The Times April 20) of their applications for judicial review of (i) the decision of the London Borough of Bexley that the council had no obligation to rehouse B and (ii) the refusal by the Metropolitan Borough of Oldham to entertain an application by G to entertain his application for housing on the basis that it was a transparent device to get around the provisions of the 1985 Act. Mr David Watkinson for B; Miss Brenda Morris for Berkey;

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LORD JUSTICE RALPH GIB-SON said that the decision of Mr. Justice Henry in the present case was decided before the Court of Appeal decision in R v Tower Hamlets LBC, Ex parte Rahman;

R v Same, Ex parte Begum. In his Lordship's judgment, there was nothing in Rahman which required a rejection of the reasoning of Mr Justice Henry in

ing Act 1985 which suggested that Parliament contemplated an application for housing by a fouryear-old dependent child. It was impossible to hold that Parliament intended to require a housing able for such a child.

be taken on behalf of a child.

deliberate actions which could also His Lordship agreed with Mr Justice Henry that a dependent child could not qualify for priority

applicants was repugnant to com-mon sense. To hold that a healthy dependent child could qualify for priority need by reason of infancy would be contrary to the intention Lord Justice Nolan and Lord

The disqualification of intentional homelessness turned on Justice Scott delivered concurring Solicitors: Norton & Co. Totten

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Regina v Clwyd County Coun-

cil. Ex parte A Section 8(1)(b) of the Education Act 1981, as substituted by section 237 of and paragraph 84 of Schedule 12 to the Educatio Reform Act 1988, provided the parents of a child, for whom the local education authority main-tained a statement of the child's special educational needs, with a choice as to their right of appeal against amendments to the state ment after it had been reconsidered, either to an appeal

committee of the local education uthority, or, under section 8(6), to the secretary of state.

Mr Justice Simon Brown so held in the Queen's Bench Division on July 22 when he granted a declaration that the applicant's parents were entitled to appeal again to the appeal committee against the education authority's final statement of the applicant's

HIS LORDSHIP said that the introducation of paragraph (b) by the amendment in the 1988 Act

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nance between the two.

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Regina v Campbell

Before Lord Justice Watkins, Mr Justice Owen and Mr Justice

(Judgment July 27) Lack of co-operation between the police and Rastafarians over

arrangements about identification parades was to be condemned. The Court of Appeal so stated when dismissing the appeals of Samuel Carapbell and a co-appel-lant against their convictions, on November 20, 1990 at the Central

murder and murder. Mr Stephen Solley, QC, as signed by the Registrar of Crim-inal Appeals. for Campbell; Mr David Paget for the Crown.

Criminal Court (Judge Denison, QC and a jury) of attempted

LORD JUSTICE WATKINS. giving the judgment of the court, said that it had been argued that a confrontation arranged in Camp-bell's case was unfair and that the adge should have allowed crossexamination on the circumstances

Campbell was a Rastafarian and at the identification centre con-cerned it was said that it was tion parades when Rastafarians were charged with offences because other Rastafarians would not volunteer to make up a parade.

It was deplorable that a section of the community denied its own members the protection of the provisions of the Police and Crimmal Evidence Act 1984. The sooner that was made clear to that section of the community the

Their Lordships would speak as forcefully as they could in condemnation of the lack of co-

ensure that the strongest possible attempts were made to ensure parades could be held where Rastafarians were charged wit

Judging delay only on the facts

Ex parte C

In deciding whether a prosecution was an abuse of the process of the court because of delay, justices should not attempt a comparison with the facts of another case but should decide the matter on the basis of the facts in the case with which they were concerned.

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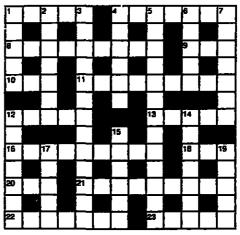
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Definitely not retiring: Thora Hird, Lynn Redgrave (7.30pm)

7.30 Fighting Back: Thora Hird

• CHOICE: Thora Hird would probably not thank you for saying she was wonderful for her age but she jolly well is and even more so when you discover that for 30 years she has lived with crippling and intensely painful arthritis. But she has carried on almost regardless, hosting Praise Be, doing plays for Alan Bennett and forming part of that formidable team of imperious women in The Last of the Summer Wine She is 81, has had three hip operations and may be heading for a fourth, and has no intention of retiring. Interviewed by Lynn Redgrave, who has only to offer the merest prompt, Hird gives a performance so unself-pitying and so immaculate in its comic timing that age and disability become almost a matter for celebration. No wonder that people are already queuing up to book her for 1993. (Ceefax) (s) (317)

8.00 Casualty: Cascade. The final episode from the last series of this hospital drama. Beth's (Mamta Kaash) leaving party is disrupted when a plane full of holidaymakers runs into trouble. With Derek Thompson and Cathy Shipton (r). (Ceefax) (s) (844423)

 8.50 Points of View. Anne Robinson presents viewers' comments on BBC television programmes (s) (935882)
 9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (1626)

9.30 Cross of Fire. Concluding the mini series about the murder trial of D.C. Stephenson, the leader of the Ku Klux Klan in Indiana. Starring John Heard and Mel Harns. (Ceefax) (s) (942997)

11.05 Film: Fran (1985). Downbeat Australian drama about a deserted

mother of three, whose unorthodox and promiscuous lifestyle leads to conflict with the authorities. Starring Noni Hazelhurst and Annie Byron. Directed by Glenda Hambly (962046)

12.40am Weather (8885027)

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6.45-7.10 Open University. Data Models and Data Bases (5253317) 8.00 Breakfast News (3049404) 8.15 Bitten By the Bug (1) (3062355) 8.30 Women of Our Century. Minam Rothschild (r) (87930)
9.00 Film: London Melody (1937, b/w). Jolly romantic musical about an italian diplomat who anonymously helps a Cockney street singer to become a star in the London theatre. Starring Anna Neagle and Tulio Carminati. Directed by Herbert Wikox (6095591)

10.10 Film: Hamlet (1948, b/w)

CHOICE: Laurence Olivier called his second Shakespeare film

(after the rousing Henry V) the "tragedy of a man who could not make up his mind" It is a neat phrase to sum up a complex drama, here somewhat pruned to keep within a running time of two and a half hours. Contemporary reactions were mixed. Olivier the actor, a prince with striking blond hair, went on to win an Oscar. Olivier the director was attacked by Richard Winnington, a respected critic of the day, for visual trickery and an mability to make the film flow. Certainly, there seems a contradiction between the theatricality of the sets and costumes and cinematic devices such as tracking shots and deep focus. But it is a bold, accessible and atmospheric piece, with Olivier strongly supported by Eileen Herlie and Basil Sydney (king and queen) and Jean Simmons's Ophelia (49737959) 12.40 in the Making: Cook. The head chef of a hotel (r) (4250317)

1.00 After Hours. American entertainment magazine (61142249)
1.20 Forget-Me-Not Farm. Children's cartoon (r) (63963133)
1.35 Swim: Novices. Tips on swimming (r) (61795572)
2.00 News and weather (95685510) followed by Safe as Houses? The

housing crisis (r) (26957442) 2.35 CountryFile (r) (9150591) 3.00 News and weather (4377591) followed by All Our Children.

Dame Judi Dench narrates the story of the expectations of six babies around the world (r). (Ceefax) (6599152) 3.50 News and weather, regional news and weather (6993065) 4,00 Craftsmen. Film animator Bob Godfrey (r) (6384249)

4.15 Film: Artists and Models (1955). Frantic comedy starring Dean Martin as an artist whose comic strips are based on Jerry Lewis's top-secret nightmares. With Shirley MacLaine and Dorothy Malone Directed by Frank Tashlin (97094423)

6.00 Star Trek: The Man Trap. The first episode of the cult sixties intergalactic series. Captain Kirk and the crew of the Starship Enterprise have to outwit a deadly chameleon-like monster. Staring William Shatner and Leonard Nimoy (r). (Ceefax) (741881) 6.50 Def II: Teenage Diaries — Julie Through the Looking Glass. revealing and often disturbing video self-portrait by anorexic teenager Julie (r) (328249)



Standard bearer: Yuri Temirkanov conducts (7.30pm)

7.30 Live From the Proms CHOICE. As a useful interval film points out, the St Petersburg Philharmonic has always managed to reflect the history of its country. It was formed in 1882 as the court orchestra of the Tsar and required to play for state occasions. After the communist revolution it was charged with the task of bringing cultural enlightenment to the masses and for half a century was ruled with Stalinist seventy by the conductor Yevgeny Mravinsky. Yuri Temirkanov, who took over the baton just before communism collapsed, sees the orchestra as a standard-bearer for the new Russian democracy. In tonight's Prom, broadcast live from the Albert Hall, Temirkanov conducts a programme of Berkoz (The Corsair overture), Sibelius (Violin Concerto, with Maxim Vengerov) and, after the break, Tchaikovsky's Manfred Symphony (s)

9.45 ScreenPlay Firsts: Through an Open Window (b/w). The American film maker Enc Mendelsohn wrote and directed this short film about a housewife who fears a bird has entered her house. With Anna Meara (732978)

19.10 Colour TV. The impact of the colour white (r) (233317) 10.30 Newsnight with Sue Cameron (486065)

11.15 Edinburgh Nights. The British concert debut of Edinburgh-born Donald Runnicles who conducts the Scottish Chamber Orchestra (s) 56572) 11.55 Weather (268626)

12.00 Open University. Changing Voices (39244). Ends at 12.30am

ITV

6.00 TV-am (5919354) 9.25 Jumble. Today's guests on the cryptic word game show are the comedian Bobby Davro and 'Allo 'Allo!'s Vidá Michelle (s) (7799775) 9.55 Thames News (2745220)

10.00 Adventures of the Galaxy Rangers. Cartoon (2762997) 10.25 The Fantastic Adventures of Mr Rossi. Animation (r) (2765084) 10.55 ITN News headlines (3109133)

11.00 Ox Tales. Farmyard double-bill (3119510) 11.25 Just for the Record. Record-breaking feats (r) (s) (1807591) 11.50 Thames News (9286626) 11.53 Cartoon Time (6606930) 12.10 Allsorts. Entertainment for the very young (r) (s) (5933572) 12.30 ITN Lunchtime News. (Oracle) Weather (7519572) 1.05 Thames

News (63988442)

1.15 Home and Away. Australian family drama. (Oracle) (182171) 1.45 A Country Practice. Medical drama series (s) (181442)
2.15 Graham Kerr prepares waffles with spiced apple butter (173423)
2.45 Take the High Road. Highland soap (9143201) 3.10 ITN Newsheadlines (4395997) 3.15 Thames News (4394268)
3.20 The Young Doctors (6126249)

3.50 Children's ITV: Scooby Doo. Cartoon fun (r) (4277317) 4.15
Hulk Hogan. Adventures with the animated WWF wrestling
champion (1446133) 4.40 Fun House. Messy game show hosted

by Pat Sharp (r) (6325626) 5.10 Biockbusters. Bob Hoiness hosts the general knowledge quiz for

teenagers (450 1084)
5.40 ITN Early Evening News with John Suchet. (Oracle) Weather (110065) 5.55 Thames Help, with Jackie Spreckley (r) (857152)
6.00 Home and Away (r). (Oracle) (249)
6.30 Thames News (201)

7.00 Take Your Pick. The yes/no game show hosted by Des O'Connor, with Judie Wilson (s) (8317) 7.30 Coronation Street. (Oracle) (713)



Proud parents: the Larkin family plan a wedding (8.00pm)

8.00 The Darling Buds of May: When the Green Woods Laugh. First of a two-part story from the first series of the comedy drama, adapted from the novels by H.E. Bates. Ma Larkin plans a lavish wedding for Mariette and Charley. Starring David Jason, Pam Ferris, Catherine Zeta Jones and Philip Franks (r). (Oracle) (s) (3591)

9.00 Film: Hostage (1987). Action thriller about the bond which develops between an excessed and the least window.

develops between an escaped prisoner and the lonely widow she takes hostage. Starring Carol Burnett and Carrie Hamilton. Directed by Peter Levin. Continues after the news. (Orade) (3355) 10.00 News at Ten with Alastar Stewart and Fiona Armstrong. Weathe (86201) 10.30 Thames News (472143)

10.49 Film: Hostage. Conclusion. (Oracle) (501713) 11.30 Hollywood Report. A British view of Tinsel Town (s) (55404) 12.00 Film: Never Give an Inch (1971). Powerful drama starring Henry Fonda as the patriarch of a logging family who breaks a local strike

in order to meet a timber contract. Co-starring Lee Remick and Paul Newman, who also directs (90538553) 2.10am Alfred Hitchcock Presents: There Was a Little Girl. The flirtatious relationship between a young girl and her stepfathe turns to murder (6099843) 2.45 America's Top Ten (s) (24992)

3.15 Videofashion. Backstage before the French collections premiere (19189911) 3.40 Quiz Night. Pub and club team quiz (20780737) 4.10 Grand Ole Opry. Country and western music (r) (42528911) 4.40 Fifty Years On (b/w). Vintage newsreels (72817992) 5.00 Three's Company: Like Father, Like Son. American comedy series about three flatmates (12640) 5.00 Three News (67037) 5.640 b. 6.00

5.30 ITN Morning News (67027). Ends at 6.00

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Channel 4 Daily (2368256) 9.25 Radar Men From the Moon (b/w). Science-fiction series (7237591) 9.40 Foofur. Carbon about a stray dog (2299201)

9.55 Get Smart. Secret agent spoof (9824713) 9.30 GRI Smart. Secret agent spool (Sec4713)

10.25 Film: Hold My Hand (1938, b/w). Musical comedy, starring

Stanley Lupino in an adaptation of his own play, as a newspaper
financier whose young ward accuses him of embezziement
Directed by Thomton Freeland (7183249)

11.45 Air Post. A look at the GPO's early airmail service (4913256)

12.00 Minimum Minimum Life Members (Short The first of a time part

12.00 More Winners: His Master's Ghost. The first of a three-part mystery drama from Australia (r) (14572)

1.00 Sesame Street. Today's guest is the country music singer Waylon Jennings (r) (23220)
2,00 Film: At War With the Army (1950, bAv). Military farce starring

Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis as entertainers, trying to adjust to life in the army. Directed by Hal Walker (757959)

3.40 Spacebourne. Nasa space film (4288423)

4.00 In Search of Scotland's Larder. The last in the series examines. how the word "Scotch" is used to promote beef and lamb in Europe (r) (442)

30 Countdown. Words and numbers game (s) (626) 5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show. A discussion on girls who date older men (s) (2315355)



Leader of the pack: super bunny, Old Holbun (5.50pm)

5.50 The Bunbury Tails: Scramble. The cartoon adventures of a team of sporting rabbits (s) (847775) 6.00 Treasure Hunt: Australia. Anneka Rice flies over Sydney in search

of clues (r). (Teletext) (43084)

7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow. Weather (594355)
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7.50 Comment. A viewer's opinion on a topical subject (746152)
8.00 Brookside. Merseyside soap. (Teletext) (5) (5607)
8.30 Anton Mosimann — Naturally: Fish. The innovative chef prepares a meal using often overlooked and cheaper species of fish (r). (Teletext) (7442) 9.00 Coast of Dreams. The first of two programmes about the 8ntish

ex-patriates who have made their home on Spain's Costa del Sol (r) (Teletext) (1997) 10.00 The Golden Girls: A Piece of Cake. Wise-cracking comedy with

the Miami matrons. Sophia (Estelle Getty) recalls her fiftieth birthday (r). (Teletext) (17171)

10.30 (Bits of) Josie. Highlights from the series featuring the versatile comedienne, actress and singer Josie Lawrence (r) (471133) 11.15 Mojo Working: The Rolling Stones. A celebration of the group's 30 years in the music business (s) (341997)

30 years in the music business (s) (341997)

11.45 Sticky Moments on Tour with Julian Clary. The last in the series of cosmopolitan game shows is from Scotland (r) (s) (420794)

12.30am Four-Mations. The series of Estonian animation concludes with two films, War and Hell (9989008)

1.10 Film: Mughal-E-Azam (1960). Epic adventure set in 16th-century India. Prince Salim clashes with his father, Emperor Akbar, over his series and the profession with a despect in Mind with Emplish publishes. Service

romance with a dancer. In Hindi with English subtitles Starring Dilip Kumar, Madhubala and Prichviraj. Directed by K. Asif (95962379), Ends at 4.45

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SKY ONE

 Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites 6.00am Skippy (96336) 6.30 Mrs. Pepperpot (5064084) 6.45 Playabout (5235249) 7.00 Game (62133) 10.00 Let's Make a Deal (39576) 10.30 The Bold and the Beauthul (30046) 11.00 The Young and the Restless (39978) 12.00 St Elsewhere (85084) 1.00 E Another World (2594133) 3.15 The Brady Bunch (715423) 3.45 The DJ Rat Show (736626) 5.30 Diff/rent Strokes (6220) 6.00 Baby Talk (3133) 6.30 E Street (7713) 7.00 Alf (6591) 7.30 Candid Camera (3997) 8.00 Battlestar Galactica: Return of Starbuck (87125) 9.00 Chances Australian soap (22539) 10.00 Studs (55355) 10.30 Doctor, Doctor Cornedy (31775) 11.00 The Streets of San Francisco with Michael Douglas (43171) 12.00 Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS

• Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites News on the hour 6.00am Sunnse (4001084) 9.30 Nightline (60775) 10.00 Dayline (51798) 10.30 Fashion TV (96442) 11.30 Japan Buriness (9427404) 11.45 Business Report (2203794) 12.30 Good Morning America (67930) 1.30 Good Morning America (67930) 1.30 Good Morning America (75959) 2.30 Nightline (81201) 3.30 Our World (95201) 4.30 Fashion TV (3510) 5.00 Line At Five (41959) 6.30 Newsline (55959) 8.30 Fashion TV (83341) 10.30 Newsline (33591) 11.30 A&C News (28171) 12.30 Newsline (31350) 1.30 ABC News (19447) 2.30 Beyond 2000 (46650) 3.30 ABC News (12195) 4.30 Beyond 2000 (477718) 5.30 Newsline (89263) America (75959) 2.30 Nichtline SKY MOVIES+

Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites 6.00am Showcase (9420539) 10.00 A Little Bit of Heaven (1991): An orphan starts his own orphanage (77065)

2.00 Twice Upon a Time (1983) Animat-

7.40 Entertainment Tonight (931846) 7.40 Entertainment Torright (931846)
8.00 Johnny Handsome (1989) Mickey
Rourke as a con-man seeking revenge
(\$7189)
10.00 Clean and Sober (1988) Michael
Reaton thes to detodity (3-1103572)
12.05am R.S.V.P. (1984). A film maker

wants to "audition" some girls (967263) 1,40 Relentless (1989): A manac loller chooses worms from a directory (1948263) 3,10 She's Out of Control (1989): A girl s transformed by her stepmother (3177669) **4.40 Heart of Dixie** (1989): The cyvi rights movement affects three students (87 18553). Ends at 6.00am

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

uss woman adopts a refugee boy

(590881)
8.15 The Gnomes Great Adventure
Animated adventure (698997)
10.15 Le Chateau de ma Mère (1991)
Marcel Pagnol's memoirs (678133)
12,15pm Mutiny on the Buses (1973):
Spin-off from the television cornedy
(963713)
2.15 Wild in the many controls. 2.15 Wild is the Wind (1957): A widowe

4.15 Gallavants (1988): Anmated and live in a magical land (839317) om (1975)[,] Sean Connery deals with terrorists (842881). 8.15 Columbo: No Time to Die (1991). Peter Falk plays the detective (82226171)

A hotel's secret floor is occupied by a saturic cult (4671404)
11.25 Invassion of the Body Snatichers (1978): Aliens assume the identity of, and then replace, humans (862572)
1.25pm A Private Function (1985): Alan Bennett cornectly with Michael Palin, Maggie Smith and a pig (155027)
3.05 A Show of Forca (1990): A journalist investigates an FBI cover-up (152911)
4.45 Tibe Longest Niight (1972): A gif is lochapped (3946089). Ends at 5.55am

Via the Astra satellite
 4.00pm Mr Ed (8626) 4.30 Punky Bre

Company (9355) 7.00 Designing Women (8133) 7.30 McHale's Navy (5539) 8.00 Doctor, Doctor (7881) 8.30 Working it out (3688) 9.00 Hogan's Heroes (61978) 9.30 Lucy (50423) 10.00 Kids in the Hall (29065) 10.30 McHale's Navy (36713)

SKY SPORTS

 Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites 6.30am Snetch (53084) 7.00 American Sports (62828) 8.00 Muscle Night (12387) 9.00 Stretch (97.442) 9.30 Super Trax (64355) 10.30 Boots "N-141 (1240-1) 11.30 Stretch (17133) 12.00 Football Show (24572) 2.00pm Pool (45065) 3.00 Motorcycling (60171) 5.00 Torque (2794) 6.00 News (629591) 6.05 Watersports (443862) 7.00 Indy Car (63959) 9.00 Netbusters (36258) 9.30 Australian Rugby (16065) 10.00 News (674775) 10.05 Rugby (5921317) 11.30-1.30am Indy Car (33881) Viz the Astra and Ma

• Via the Astra satellite 8.00am Terms ATP Tour (36317) 10,00 Top 8.00am (erms Air Four (30517) MARO hap 20 (9380713) 2.00gm Ternis (905442) 5.00 Surfing (8355) 5.30 Touring Car Champion-ships (75152) 6.30 News (40978) 7.30 Athleucs (48978) 8.30 News (3046) 9.00 Athleucs 10.00 Kick Boeing (50336) 11.00 Eurofun (26881) 11.30 News (35688)

SCREENSPORT

EUROSPORT

● Via the Astra satellite 7.00am Eurobics (74065) 7.30 Revs (53572) 7.00am Eurobus (7405) 7.30 feets (537/2) 8.00 Longstude (72.133) 8.30 Surfing (71404) 9.00 Windsurfing (95084) 9.30 Go (62997) 10.30 Eurobus (91.268) 11.00 5nocker (65065) 1.00 Speetiway (22626) 2.00 Eurobus (7249) 2.30 Formula 3 (6772997) 2.50 Athletus (7603688) 3.50 World Circ Qualifiers (11.700055) 6.00 Pm World Cup Oualifiers (1790065) 6.00 Pro Superbite (8607) 6.30 That Ock Box (46152) 7.30 Powersports (44152) 8.30 Global Adventure Sport (9220) 9.00 World Cup Qualifiers (35539) 10.30 Golf Report (92997) 11.00-1.00am Baseball (67084)

 Via the Astra satellite
 10.00am Rambo (370-6) 10.30 Gameshow (2625539) 10.55 Great Chefs of San Franssco (2694930) 11.25 The loan Rivers Show (3162997) 12.15pm Sally Jessy Raphael (3262775) 1.00 Lunchbox (68404) 1.30 Sell-a-Vison (3526572) 2.05 Rafferty? Rules (4091442) 3.00 Women of the World (4152) 3.30 Tea Break (3073571) 3.40 Phdfs (1330249) 4.10 Dect Van Duke Show (4152) 3.30 1ea Break 180/35/1) 3.40 Phylis (1330249) 4.10 Deck Van Dyke Show (5279171) 4.40 Gameshow (4535065) 5.30 Self-a-Vision (296381) 6.10 Selfy Jessy Raphael (726607) 7.00 Self-a-Vision (630626) 10.00 Music Videos (8919152)

RADIO 1

FM Roadshow with Nicky Campbett from Giftyngvase Beach, Falmouth 12.30pm Newsbeat 12.45 Jaklu Brambles 3.00 Sleve Winght in the Afternoon 6.00 Neale James Mega Hits 6.30 News 92 7.00 Neale James Evening Session 9.00 The Man Ezeke Sunshine Show 10.00 Nicky Home Goes into the Night 12.00 Paul Gambaccini (FM only)

News and sport on the hour until 7,00pm 6,00am World Service Newshour 6,30 Dann Baker's Moming Edition 9,30 Take Five 10,3 230pm Cult Heroes Bille Holiday 1.00 News Update 1.10 BFSS Worldwide 2.30 portSbeat with Ross Ling 4.30 Fixe Acide 7.15 Fixe Elm Street Lor The Leafy Roof by Philippa sarce (17.7.30 Gary Lineker's Football (laght 10.10 Hir the North, Incl 11.00 Sport 12.00-24 Share North, Incl 11.00 Sport 12.00-24 Share North, Incl 11.00 Sport 12.00-24 Share North.

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6.55am Weather 7.00 On Air Chris de Souza with

Figar and Dukas

9.00 Composers of the Week.

Glazunov and Glière: The

Ernest Ansermet; Six songs,

Op 60: Margaret Cable, mezzo, Christopher Keyte, bar, Christopher Cox, piano; String Quartet No 4 in A

minor. Op 64: Shostakovich

Christopher Hogwood with Emma Kirkby, soprano, James Sowman, countertenor);

Bowman, countertenor); 10.20 Haydn (Symphony No 4 in D: Philharmonia Hungarica under Antal Dorati); 10.34 Janacek (In the Mist: Mikhall Rudy, piano); 10.50 Elgar (Sea Pictures: Janet Baker, mezzo); 11.15 Martinú (Nonet: Dartington Ensemble); 11.24

11.55 Mozart: The Netherlands Chamber Chor and Orchestra

of the 18th Century under Frans Brüggen with Konrad Hünteler, Nute, Marinella

Pennicch, soprano, Catherine Patnasz, contralto, Zeger Vandersteene, tenor, Jelle

Draijer, bass, perform Symphony No 32 in G, K318; Flute Concerto in G, Y313; Mass in C, K317, Coronation

1.05 Lars Vogt: The planist plays Brahms (Four Klavierstricke, Op 119): Schubert (Sonata in

2.00 Gemini: Mary Wiegold, soprano, Will Sleath, flute, lan

Mitchell, clarinet, Ann Moffee,

violin, Marilyn Sansom, cello. and Andrew Ball, piano, under Martyn Brabbins, perform Granger (Died for Love;

Colonial Song); Ives (Largo); Finnissy (Banumbirr); Weir

(Sketches from a Bagpiper's Album); Ingoldsby (Three Small Litanies, first broadcast)

2.45 Ulster Orchestra under Adrian Leaper performs

.00pm News

10.00 Midweek Choice with Susan Sharpe. Pergolesi (Stabat Mater, mvts)-6: Academy of

Ancient Music under

news, weather and previews ind music by Beethoven, Liszt,

4,05 Bhangra Beat (601195) 4.35-5,30 Central Jobfinder '92 (9732553) GRANADA

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Mosphood Report (85/3008) 2,10 American Gladiators (9133282) 3,00 Quiz Nach: (34350) 3.30 Raw Power (36669 S4C Starts: 6.00mm C4 Daily (2368256) 9.25 Slot Cartwin (7797317) 9.55 Star Test (9824713) 10.25 Film: Hold my Hand (7183249) 11.45 Air Post (4913256) 12.00

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12.00 Note upon a time (1983) Animated fantasy (17268)
2.00pm Everyday Heroes (1990), Teachers by to overcome small four racism (98133)
3.00 The Fourth Main (1990: A boy tines to impress his father (82423)
4.00 Hash Gordon (1980): The football starbattles to save the earth (2274)
5.00 A Little Bit of Heaven: (as 10am) (22739) (67278341)

9.55 Mightmare on the 13th Floor (1990)
A hotel's secret floor is occupied by a satanic

THE COMEDY CHANNEL

(7510) **5.00** Green Acres (8997) **5.30** Lucy (8862) **6.00 M**onkers (5775) **6.30** Three's

FM Stereo and MW. 4.00am Bruno Brookes with The Early Breakfast Show (FM only) 6.00 Smon Mayo 9.00 Smon Bates 11.00 Radio 1

Home Goes into the Night 12.00 Paul Gambaccini (FM only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo A.D0am Alex Lester: The Early Show 6.15 Pause for Thought 6.30 Binan Hayes: Good Moming UKI 9.15 Pause for Thought 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Jimmy Young 2.00pm Gloria Hunnflord 3.30 Ed Stewert 5.05 John Durin 7.00 Pop Score 7.30 Stan Hugill, Man of Sair Pump and forebitter songs (8.800 Jim Ubyd with Foli on 2. Indudes Maley Kameras from Hungary, Frifot from Swaden and Chris Wood, Ray and Cilla Fisher from Britain 9.00 Nigel Ogden. The Organist Emersic of the Indian cinema 10.30 Debbe Greenwood and Paul Cola 12.05am fazz Parade with Digby Fairweather 12.35 Steve Madden with Night Ride.

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me Walker with The AM Alternative 11.30 Stud Ipm Cult Heroes Billio Holids 4 66 August

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As London except: 10.00am-10.25 Family Theatre (2762997) 2.15pm-2.45 Gardening Time (173423) 6.25-7.00 Anglia News (903794)

As London except: 10,00am-10.25 Family Theatre (2762997) 2.10pm-3.10 The Sik. Road (3789249) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away

CENTRAL

RADIO 3 Manfred); Fauré (Suite: Pelléas et Mélisande); Schumann, orch Shostakovich (Cello Concerto in A minor with

lie) (r)

Alexander Bainey (7)

3.40 Late Barroque Sonatas:
Elizabeth Wallfisch, violin,
Richard Tunnicliffe, cello, and
Paul Nicholson, harpsichord
and organ, perform Corelli
(Sonata in G minor, Op 5 No 5); Geminiani (Sonata in E 5); Germinani (Sonata in Eminor, Op 1 No 3)
4.00 Choral Evensong live from Edington Priory Church
5.00 in Tune: presented by Andrew Green with guest Crispian Steele-Perkins, trumpeter. The programme includes news, weather, travel, headlines.

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from the arts and a look at this year's Three Choirs Festival 7.30 Proms 1992 live from the Albert Hall. The St Petersburg Philharmonic under Yuri Temirkanov in the second of the orchestra's Prom performances includes music inspired by the poetry of Lord Byron, Berlioz (Overture: The Corsair); Sibelius (Violin oncerto in D minor, with Maxim Vengerov, 18 years old, making his Prom debut In the interval at 8.15 Friday

Night in St Petersburg: Dilly Barlow goes on the town with journalist Valera Katsuba to find out how Russia's new freedom has liberated the young. The concert continues at 8.35 with Tchaikovsky (Manfred Sumphony) (Marifred Symphony)
9.45 What's the Big Idea?
Nationalism: The Bent Twi Myth. Brian Magee looks at nationality, which can be a sense of belonging but often becomes a sense of owning others, and the theory and

10.30 Seaux Arts Trio: Menahem Pressler, piano, Isidore Cohen, violin, and Peter Wiley, cello, perform Haydn (Piano Trio in D minor, HXV 23); Beethoven (Piano Trio in E flat, Op 70 No 2) (r)

11.30 news
11.35-12.35 Composers of the
Week: Rameau (Castor et
Pollux: Overture and Prologue;
Dardanus: Overture; Prologue;
Act 4; Chaconne, Act 5) (r)

As London except: 10.00am-10.25 Family Theatre (2752997) 1.45pm Sons and Daughters (181442) 2.15-2.45 Who's the Boss? (173423) 32.0-3.50 A Country Pra-tice (5125249) 5.10-5.49 Home and Away

(34336) 2.00 Bush Tucker Man (8171) 2.30 Film: Air Force (45922713) 4.45 The Specialist (6085930) 5.10 The Oprah Wirifrey Show (9232075) 6.00 Brooksde (591) 6.30 The Mursters (373997) 7.05 News; Heno (671978) 8.00 Ond Y Broblem YW (5607) 8.30 News (427775) 8.55 Swyn Y Sanau (985404) 9.30 My Dead Dad (15201) 10.00 Film: Lucky Day (192065) 11.50 Out (264065) 12.50ata Animated Shorts (1612466)

5.55 Shipping Forecast
6.00am News Briefing Incl 6.03
Weather 6.10 Farming Today
6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30
Today Incl 6.30, 7.00, 7.30,
8.00, 8.30 News 6.45 Business
News 6.55, 7.55 Weather
7.25, 8.25 Sports News 7.45
Thought for the Day 8.43 A
Manchester Guardian Man:
Too Good to Be True 8.59
Weather 9.00 News
9.05 In the Psychiatrist's Chair:
Dr Anthony Clare talks to
barrister John Taylor about the
most significant influences on
his life before and after his
failure to become the first
black Tory MP (s)
9.45 Idle Thoughts with John
Walters (s)
10.00 News; Keep It Clean (FM
only: Opening Bars. Laurence
Alster reveals the hype behind
hygiene
10.00 Daily Service (UW only)

hygiene 10.00 Daily Service (LW only) 10.15 The Bible (LW only) Revelation read by John Gielgud (4 of 6) 10.30 Woman's Hour: discusses transplant donors; interview

the actress, Claire Dowie; asks Coleen Nolan and others what it's like to be the baby of the family, and talks to Cynthia Cocksum about the sexual politics of the microwave. Incl. 11.00 Mouse. ners' Question Time

12.00 You and Yours with Roisin McAuley

12.25pm in Search of Milhailo by

Dolores Pala. A tragic love

story is played out (s) (r) 12.55

Weather Weather 1.00 The World at One 1.40 The Archers (s) (r) 1.55

1.49 Ine Archers (s) (r) 1.35 Shipping
2.00 News; Who Sings The Hero?
Six stories of individual or
group heroism. Never Mind, i
Stopped My Train! In 1898,
after a boiler explosion, a'
Great Western Railway driver
and fireman succeeded in
saving the lives of their
passences. Martin Sorrell passengers. Martin Sorrell recreates the background to

this story Missions Improbable: Martin 2.47 M Warnwright reflects on historical characters united by

RADIO 4 enthusiasm verging on obsession. Charles Wilson Peale, inventor extraordinaire, designed America's first at taxidermy by preserving Benjamin Franklin's cat 3.00 News; Four Seasons: Phil Smith records the impact of

summer on everyday life
3.42 Profile: Tom Jackson used to be the postmen's trade union leader. Now he sells second-hand cookery books by mail order 4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope examines a series of films at the British Film Institute of new directors working in the medium; reviews William Kennedy's novel Very Old Bones; and talks to the opera singer John Rawnsley

4.45 Short Story: Leaving by M G Vassanji read by Anthony Zaki
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping 5.55
Weather

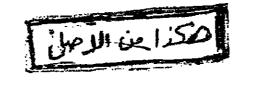
Weather 6.00 Six O'Clock News 6.30 Brain of Brains 1992: A .00 News 7.05 The Archers (5)

7.20 Costing the Earth (r) 7.45 Medicine Now (r) 8.15 Age to Age (r) 8.45 In Business: Britain on the in Business: emain on the Brink — A Survivor's Guide. Three case histories and a panel of experts take a long look at the current agony of British business. Presented by British business. Prese

9.15 Kalerdoscope (r)
9.45 The Finandal World Tonight
(s) 9.59 Weather
10.00 The World Tonight with Alexander MacLeod (s) 10.45 A Book at Bedtime: Seventy ears a Showman

11.00 Looking Forward to the Past. Robert Booth dips into the past for a none-tooserious historical chat with Denis Healey, Martin Young, Artemis Cooper and Anna Raebum (s) (r) 11.30 Screenplay: lain Johnstone hosts the film quiz (s) (r) 12.00-12.43am News incl 12.27 Weather 12.33 Shipping 12.43 As World Service (LW

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